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## SEAMEN DENOUNCE THREAT TO PULL CHARTER

### SAILORS TO AWAIT MOVE OF OWNERS

SHARP PROTEST RAISED  
AGAINST THREATS TO  
LIFT CHARTER

#### Confident of Victory

OPERATORS THREATEN TO  
USE 'VIGILANTE  
ACTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The situation in the sailors' dispute for the six-hour day on steamships, which has resulted in a virtual lock-out of the crews of fifty-one coastal ships, remained practically unchanged as Harry Lundberg, Maritime Federation president, at a packed meeting of the Headquarters Branch of the Sailors' Union expressed assured confidence that the shipowners would be forced to make overtures within a short time.

President Lundberg denied receiving a letter from Secretary Perkins which urged the sailors to "submit their differences to arbitration," as stated in the Jan. 6 issue of the S. F. News.

The News quoted a letter in full from Secretary Perkins, allegedly sent to Harry Lundberg, which calls for voluntary submission to arbitration.

The membership elected a committee of five to handle relief for the locked-out sailors and to promote publicity in the case.

#### BRANCH OFFICE SCORED

A letter from V. Olander, International secretary-treasurer, announcing the opening of a "branch of the ISU" in San Francisco, aroused the ire of the entire body and strong protest was ordered sent to the ISU convention denouncing any attempt at charter lifting.

A copy of the resolution attacking any efforts at union splitting was ordered to be read at the next meeting of the Central Labor Council.

#### EAST COAST CREW PROTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The entire unlicensed personnel of the crack inter-coastal passenger liner, Pennsylvania, walked off the vessel a few hours before sailing time in hot indignation at the arbitrary renewal of the East Coast seamen's agreement negotiated without allowing the membership a chance to voice their opinions.

The strike took place on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at pier 33, following the adoption of a resolution by a vast majority of the crew denouncing the sell-out tactics of the Eastern ISU officials.

A hasty offer of a flat twenty per cent increase in wages to take the ship to New York, was turned down point blank by the crew and the counter demands for West Coast scale of wages and the signing of articles to make San Francisco the final port of discharge.

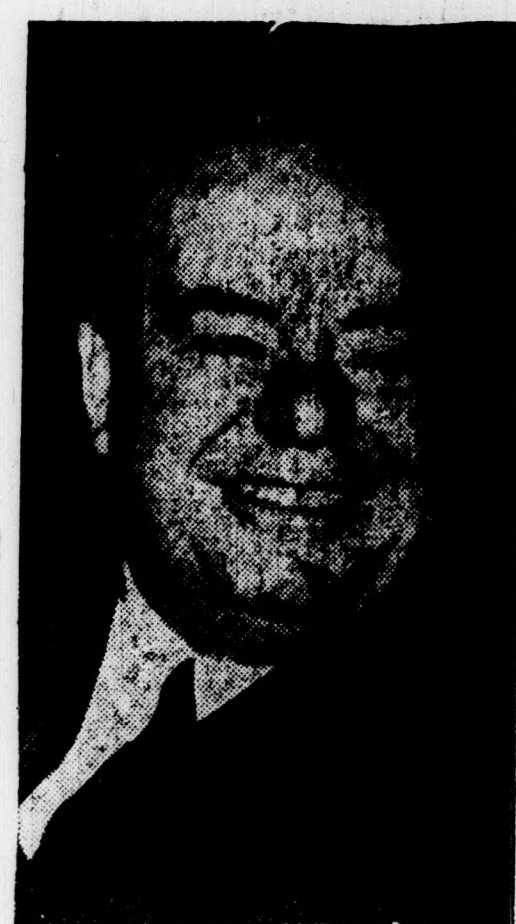
PORTLAND—The crew of the K. I. Luckenbach walked off here in protest of the virtual sell-out engineered by the officials of the Atlantic Coast unions.

The crew despatched a resolution of protest to the Eastern District Committee and are demanding the repudiation of the signing of the agreement.

A two-hour protest was staged on the Matson liner, Monterey, when the company attempted to fire the sailors' ship delegate on the grounds that he was a Communist.

The delegate was reinstated when the crew stuck to their guns.  
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#### PRIZE HOG



This snouty smile seems to indicate that Howard C. Hopson, Associated Gas and Electric Czar, isn't phased a bit by a U. S. \$48,551,845 tax lien suit lodged against his company for failure to pay taxes. Tax dodging may have something to do, observers think, with Hopson's sturdy opposition to federal control of public utilities.

### SUPREME COURT RULES AAA 'OUT'

#### Roosevelt Budget to Slash Unemployed Relief Funds

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—The United States Supreme Court today declared the Agricultural Adjustment Act unconstitutional.

The AAA, by limiting production, had liquidated thousands of small and middle farmers, had raised prices to the consumer and had given over to the wealthy landowners a majority of the markets available for their produce.

Several weeks ago big business had been told by President Roosevelt to "go ahead." The Supreme Court today has told the wealthy farmers also to "go ahead."

The AAA had been in effect approximately two and one half years. It was considered by Roosevelt's supporters as one of his prize pieces of legislation and was part and parcel of the so-called "New Deal."

AIDS BIG FARMERS  
Anticipating increased sales at  
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#### Democrats Lead Two To One in First Day Of Re-Registration

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—In the first day of re-registration for the 1936 polls, twice as many Democrats signed the books as Republicans, according to figures released here by County Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr.

Out of 820 who re-registered in the city and county yesterday, 534 were Democrats, 243 were Republicans, one was a Socialist, two were Progressives, and 38 declined to state party affiliations.

All voters must re-register, whether they voted at the last election or not.

#### Conference Asked to Protest Persecution

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 4.—The Continental Labor Conference, which comprises representatives from world governments, world employers and workers, opened here today.

Rosendon Naula, Ecuadoran worker delegate, requested the conference to address all American countries on behalf of workers imprisoned for political offenses, and demand their release.

### JOBLESS TO FIGHT L. A. RELIEF CUT

WARRANTS SUBSTITUTED  
FOR CASH IN DOLE  
PAYMENTS

#### Plan Demonstration

PILLING ORDERS PURGE  
AFFECTING 15,000 IN  
SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—Faced with the most brutal relief cuts in the history of Southern California, tens of thousands of unemployed and WPA workers today were rallying behind the banner of the Public Works and Unemployed Union for a program of struggle for the right to live.

Cuts announced by the relief heads as 16 per cent and an additional 10 per cent for "low standard families, such as Mexicans, Indians, Portuguese, Filipinos, etc.," are actually amounting to as high as 40 per cent in a large number of cases due to additional "deductions."

To combat this fascist attack on the living standards of a large proportion of the people of Los Angeles County, the PWU is calling for demonstrations at all D. P. O.'s, culminating with a gigantic mass demonstration on January 25th.

"We will not starve quietly!" is the ultimatum handed relief officials by the County Council of the PWU.

#### UNITY OF ACTION

Unity of action on the part of not only SERA workers, but also of WPA workers and unemployed on the County Charities Department rolls, is the slogan of the organization.

Discrimination against Negroes, Mexicans and foreign-born workers is particularly scored by the PWU as calculated to divide the workers in a further step toward fascism. Responsibility for the relief cuts is squarely placed on the financial "big shots" of California.

Rallying masses of unemployed behind the PWU program, the "Unemployed Leader" will be off the presses here tomorrow, the fourteenth issue of this fighting newspaper. The last issue, the first to appear in eight pages, sold out 11,000 copies.

Yesterday, under order of Roy W. Pilling, county relief director, the "purging" of workers off the rolls because they have not  
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### REACTIONARIES LOSE OUT IN BARGEMEN UNION

#### TED STARR RE-ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Election results at the Bargemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-101, left the rank and file slate virtually intact.

Ted Starr, who successfully guided the union through a victorious strike, was re-elected as president and business manager. J. Delaney was re-elected vice president, Maroney as patrolman, and Holmquist as janitor.

The race for the financial secretary's position gave the incumbent Sikes, the highest vote of three candidates, but with no majority; as a result another ballot will be cast.

Mary Sandoval was named recording secretary without any opposition.

The election results proved a defeat of reactionary elements who had carried on a stiff campaign to defeat the rank and file slate.

## Anti-War Front Is Forged in U.S.A. ITALY PLANES IN MAD TERROR DRIVE

### REVOLTS CAUSE POLICY OF AIR FRIGHTFULNESS

RIGID CENSORSHIP KEEPS  
TRUTH ABOUT REVOLTS  
FROM ITALIAN PEOPLE

#### Trial On in Rome

500 CHINESE STUDENTS  
BEGIN ANTI-JAPANESE  
PROPAGANDA MARCH

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Breathing blood and fire, the Italian Fascist Propaganda Ministry is trying anew to rouse the Italian people to height of war frenzy. Internal weakness, seen in the various revolts of soldiers and sailors, and the fact that the stalemate of Italy's drive into Ethiopia is beginning to seep through the rigid censorship of news, has brought panic into official circles.

Although the written instructions to the press by the Propaganda Ministry were abandoned some time ago as the result of exposure by the European anti-fascist press, they have once more been renewed, with orders to print nothing about the trial of mutineers now in progress in Rome, nothing about the new stringent measures of economy, and nothing about the ferocious air-raids other than official communiques, while prominence is to be given to news of anti-British rioting in Egypt.

The savage air-raids, Italy's sole hope in view of the successful counter-attacks of Ethiopian troops, have been increased, and an Egyptian Red Cross unit, to  
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### LATEST STRIKE- BREAKERS HAVE SORDID RECORD

#### NEW AGENCY IN ST. LOUIS ACTIVE IN STRIKES

The latest strike-breaking agency to be exposed is the A. A. Ahner Detective Agency and its related Industrial Investigators and Engineers, Inc., operating in St. Louis, Mo. Albert A. Ahner, the head of this notorious agency was a recent unwilling witness before National Labor Relations hearing in St. Louis. Ahner testified that he had been employed to break the strike of the Laclede Gas Light Co., People's Motorbus Co., General Materials Co., and the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., all located in the Midwest. He also was hired to break the strike at the Brown Shoe Co. in Salem, Mass. This sixteen-million dollar concern recently received a government order for 5000 pairs of shoes for the CCC in spite of the proven fact that the company hired racketeer strike-breakers and had been charged with unfair labor practices by the N.L.R.B.

The other exposed strike-breaking agency has even a more sordid history. It is known that up to the present, the Bergoff Detective Service has sent its army of thugs against workers in 300 strikes. From 1914 to 1924, its owners derived \$10,000,000 income from this racketeering activity. In 9 major strikes, 17 strikers were killed.

Of the 187 licensed detective agencies in New York, 55 solicit strike-breaking work, according to the A. F. of L.

#### Where the Third Anti-War Congress Was Held



More than 3000 delegates from working class and liberal groups throughout the nation gathered here to build a practical wall of united front action against war and fascism. The building is the public auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio.

### LEAFLETS CAUSE WPA WORKER TO BE DISCHARGED

DISCRIMINATION SHOWN  
IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—While the WPA heads still profess blandly that there is no discrimination against organizers on the projects, Alexander Smith, laborer on the Griffith Park Project, a. m. shift, spot 3-D, was fired from the job here today for "distributing literature."

The "literature" was organizational leaflets for the Public Works and Unemployed Union, which Smith handed workers on the project Tuesday.

Today he was handed a discharge slip, signed by A. James Haines, foreman, and Eugene O. Royce, project engineer, and told to "see your visitor."

### SHIPYARDS SEEK NAVY AID TO BALK MACHINIST STRIKE

#### Oakland Local Discusses Similar Action To Force Wage Raise

#### BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Local No. 7 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipworkers of America joined the Machinists Union on the picket line, when 600 workers at the Bethlehem Shipyard threw down their tools.

Originally walking out on Monday morning purely in support of the machinists, the shipyard workers made it their strike as well when a set of demands were presented to the employers.

Union hiring hall, elimination of piece work and a closed shop are among their demands.

Local No. 11 of the same Union at Oakland also joined the

strike when their members, some 500, walked out one hundred per cent at the Moore shipyard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—"Fear" of delay in the completion of the two destroyers—to enforce Roosevelt's "neutrality"—is given as cause for investigation of the machinists' strike, which has shut down all marine shops as a result of the employers' refusal to capitulate to the demands of the workers.

Although practically every shop in the city has acceded to the Union's demand for the restoration of the 40-hour week, the marine shop owners have made no over-  
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### ANTI-FASCIST CONGRESS MAPS 1936 STRUGGLE

7000 DELEGATES FROM ALL  
PARTS OF COUNTRY  
IN ATTENDANCE

#### General Butler Talks

HEARST AND THE LIBERTY  
LEAGUE ARE SCORED  
BY DOCTOR WARD

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6.—"The real fascists are mobilizing," Dr. Harry F. Ward of Union Theological Seminary, New York, told the more than 7000 delegates who attended the historic Third Congress Against War and Fascism held here last week end.

Dr. Ward scored the Hearst press, the Liberty League and the Chamber of Commerce for hypocritical yapping about the Constitutional amendment carrying on a vicious campaign to pass so-called "gag laws" and other anti-working class legislation.

He outlined the American League Against War and Fascism program for 1936, which will include: Keeping the United States out of the coming world war; keeping oil away from the Italian forces in Ethiopia and fighting the gag laws in Congress.

The Congress opened Jan. 3 in the morning at the Hotel Hollenden. The first day's sessions ended with a mass meeting at the Public Auditorium where Mayor Harold H. Burton of Cleveland welcomed the delegates.

#### BUTLER SPEAKS

Among the speakers were General Smedley Butler, who also spoke over the radio on Friday afternoon; Angelo Herndon, and General Fang Chen-yu, who once was a candidate for the position of commander-in-chief of the Chinese army now held by Chang Kai-shek.

General Butler told the delegates that the Ethiopian war is but a trial of strength to determine the line-up of nations  
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### LABOR COUNCIL STOPS AID FOR JACKSON MINERS

#### WEST DECLARES STRIKE NO LONGER EXISTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—At the first open meeting held in nearly a year the San Francisco Central Labor Council voted to discontinue contributing to the Jackson striking gold miners.

The discontinuance of support was urged by Fred West, delegate from the Window Cleaners' Union. He declared that they are no longer carrying on a real strike there.

In a heated debate over the subject West declared: "For two bits I'd tell a story that would burn the ears of conservatives as well as rank and filers."

Apparently anxious to hear West rave, several quarters were tossed at him. He sat down without further comment.

Several resolutions brought in by maritime delegates were referred to the resolutions committee.

A committee was named to attend Gov. Merriam's conference on taxation and revenue at Sacramento, Feb. 3.

### WOULD HERBERT HOOVER LIKE TO RIDE AGAIN? Probably Not—But He'll Help Direct the Coming Campaign



Ex-President Herbert (Hungry) Hoover looks over the G. O. P. elephant which is being primed with peanuts for the coming political circus. Since his defeat in the last presidential elections, Hoover has retired from public life and has contented himself with blowing a rubber raspberry at the Roosevelt administration from the front porch of his home in Palo Alto. Observers believe he will not attempt to run again but will take an active part in the Republican campaign.



## RAPE OF ETHIOPIA WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

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gether with women and children of an Ethiopian town far from the war zone, was annihilated in air-raids reported via London today.

Anti-fascist, anti-war sentiment continues to mount throughout Europe, widespread indignation being expressed as the result of the story told by the sole survivor of the Swedish Red Cross unit to the effect that the attack was deliberate, and that he was fired upon by an attacking plane as he ran for cover in the brush.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6.—The student movement for National Defense gain impetus daily throughout China. Five hundred picked students, organized as a propaganda army, have set out, equipped with food and bedding, along four routes to the south to rouse the Chinese people to arms against the Japanese imperialist invaders and their "autonomy" movement.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—More than 1000 Chinese demonstrators marched through Chinatown here yesterday, carrying banners denouncing Japan as Chinese Public Enemy No. 1. The demonstration resulted from a united front agreement between student and fraternal organizations.

ROME, Jan. 6.—The press here today launched an attack upon President Roosevelt as the result of his references to the need for curbing "war-like, expansionist countries" suffering under dictatorships.

This followed a general division of opinion in the European press, imperialist publicists attacking the speech, while those favoring collective sanctions to bring the Italian invasion of Ethiopia to an immediate halt regard the speech as containing hopeful signs of American support for sanctions.

PARIS, France, Jan. 3.—The internal crumbling of Mussolini's war-machine reverberated loudly around the ears of the world imperialists as, a result of the conference...

**L. A. JOBLESS TO DEMONSTRATE IN RELIEF CUT WAR**  
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reported on WPA projects or whose work has been "unsatisfactory" on WPA jobs, began. Fifteen thousand families were reported affected by this action.

STATE "BROKE"  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Direct relief clients throughout the state are to be paid off in warrants instead of cash, relief officials announced this week.

The warrants, however, may not be honored by the grocery man or the banker. Bank acceptance of individual warrants, according to a spokesman, is a matter to be determined by the individual institution.

The issuing of warrants was necessitated by another of the state's rapidly recurring "financial crises." Governor Merriam is attempting to avoid the calling of a special legislative session, mainly for political reasons, it was indicated in Sacramento.

Meanwhile, relief officials declared it will be necessary to issue approximately 400,000 such warrants per month. Workers on WPA projects will not be affected, it was said.

Unwillingness of Governor Merriam and the state legislature last year to levy a tax upon the wealth of the state for the purpose of unemployment and social insurance as provided for in the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill, is directly responsible for the crisis now looming.

**MACHINISTS' STRIKE GETS GOV'T THREAT**

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tures to the strikers.

One of the larger shops, the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, which only recently was awarded contracts for the building of two destroyers, has attempted to use the navy's influence to spike the strike. The government contracts stipulate that the work shall be done by union labor.

Oakland local of the Machinists' Union will meet today to decide on action in line with that of their sister local, against shops that have not complied with the requests for wage restoration.

firm report of mutiny breaking out among Fascist troops on their way to the heat-racked and war-torn infested battle fields of Ethiopia.

Mutiny, which has been smoldering among the army and the navy, broke out in three different places. At Lago Di Romagna, Italy, rebellion broke out as infantrymen were preparing to leave for Ethiopia. One fascist officer was killed and several soldiers injured, which was quelled only after a huge army of policemen, apparently anticipating the affair, were called out.

What adds to the worry of the fast shipping Mussolini and the anxiety of the Laval "Save Fascism" gang, is the fact that the townspeople joined in the demonstration against war when the militia police tried to suppress the mutiny. Hundreds of arrests were made.

TRIPOLI—According to reports from the French frontier near Tunis, Africa, native soldiers mutinied against their Italian commander. The reports stated that the commander was killed and eight of the native soldiers led across the French border.

The uprising took place at an encampment where the soldiers had presumably been sent because of previous display of rebellion.

From France also comes reliable report of a mutiny aboard the Italian tanker, Corona Ferrea. The Ferrea had left the Romanian port of Constanza bound for Soudan, when the crew revolted.

**HUGE CONGRESS DECLARES WAR AGAINST WAR**

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for a second world war, soon to begin, probably in the Far East.

The main work of the Congress was done through commissions representing different groups. Scores of trade union delegates from all over the country, attended the discussions on trade unions.

**HEARST ATTACKS.**

The Congress brought forth a barrage of Hearst-inspired robbing. The local American Legion post attacked the delegates as did the Army and Navy Union. The latter group sent a committee of fifteen to the meetings to "observe and investigate."

Langston Hughes, noted Negro poet, stressed the struggle for Negro rights as a means of fighting fascism. "Fascism," he declared, "is a new name for that kind of terror the Negro people has always faced in America." He urged a united front of Negroes with those who are fighting war and fascism.

The Women's Commission represented a real cross section of American women, with representatives from the Y.W.C.A., trade unions, parent and teacher associations, fraternal orders, clubs and farmers' organizations. Four hundred delegates attended the meetings of the Youth Commission where the immediate objectives and tactics of the youth in the fight against war and fascism were the principal topic of discussion.

At 8 p. m. on Saturday a memorial meeting for Henri Barbusse, international leader in the fight against war and fascism, who died just recently, was held.

At the final session Sunday night the Resolutions Committee report was made, and Dr. Ward, who was chairman of the congress, made the summation address.

**BOOKS WANTED!**

The San Francisco Workers' School calls upon all friends of workers' education to help us build up the reading library for the use of all students of the school. All books on political, economic and philosophical questions that you no longer want should be collected and sent in to the library. We need especially several copies of:

Left Wing Unionism, by Saposs. Readings in Trade Unionism, by Saposs.

Short History of American Labor Movement, by Mary Beard. Misleaders of Labor, by Foster. The library is located at 121 Haight street. Help us build it up by sending us books, pamphlets and magazines.

## LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE OPEN FORUMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The first of a series of weekly open forums under the sponsorship of the United Labor Forum will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at 68 Haight st., at 8 p. m. Current events in the labor unions will be discussed by speakers and audience.

William Sanders, chairman of the Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, will chair the meeting. The speakers scheduled are: Redfern Mason, United Labor candidate for mayor; Lawrence Ross of the Communist Party; Ben Legere of the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party, and John Shaw, United Labor candidate for supervisor, I.L.A. Local 38-79.

## GREY BEARDS PUT KIBOSH ON THE AAA

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artificially raised prices the market in cotton and other agricultural products the market in cotton and wheat soared to new heights. Greatest beneficiaries of the Supreme Court's latest decision, as usual, will be the larger producers.

While the Supreme Court was considering the AAA, brought before it in a test case by a New Bedford firm, which had gone bankrupt through the AAA processing tax, Roosevelt's budget message was read to the national Congress now in session here.

While not actually estimating the size of the work-relief appropriation, Roosevelt indicated it would be "far less" than the more than four billions voted by Congress last year. The president's message was carefully planned not to "frighten" big business with suggestions for further taxation of profits, incomes or inheritances.

Instead, Roosevelt hinted that the employers should bend all their efforts toward hiring more workers. He indicated that greater purchasing power would result in greater income to the government.

**"BALANCED" BUDGET**  
The budget submitted was balanced but did not include a deficit of from two to three billions to be expended for work relief. New taxes were indicated as a necessity in case the payment of the soldiers' bonus should become a fact this year.

In treating of relief expenditures the message mentioned the 3,500,000 persons which the government claims to have returned to work on public works projects, but did not discuss the additional millions still unemployed, many of whom have been thrown back upon the rapidly dwindling resources of the individual states.

Main issues before the Congress this year are the question of neutrality, which the American people are demanding in ever-increasing numbers; a means of payment of the soldiers' bonus, which also is of prime political importance; the budget and New Deal policies in general.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

## REGISTRATION STARTS FOR THE WORKERS' SCHOOL ON HAIGHT ST.

**Courses Aimed to Help Workers Prepare For Coming Struggle**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—On January 13th the doors of the San Francisco Workers' School will open for the new winter term. Every worker, trade unionist, professional has something to gain from the Workers' School. The courses given are aimed to help every section of the working population to prepare themselves for more effective participation in the day-to-day struggle.

**PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNISM**  
The course in Principles of Communism answers fully the question of why Communism. There will be three classes in Principles of Communism—Monday, Jan. 13, with E. Kirby as instructor; Friday, Jan. 17 with M. Carson, and Sunday, Jan. 19 with M. Child. The course to last for eight sessions.

**POLITICAL ECONOMY**  
The course in Political Economy deals with the laws of capitalist development, the essence of capitalist exploitation, the principal antagonisms between the working class and the capitalist class. It begins Wednesday, Jan. 15, with G. Mallet as instructor.

**LENINISM**  
The course in Leninism, dealing with the theory of proletarian revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat and problems of socialist construction, begins Tuesday, Jan. 16, with L. Ross as instructor.

**TRADE UNIONISM**  
The course in Trade Union Problems, dealing with the present tasks in the trade union field—industrial unionism, the development and tasks of the rank and file movement, the struggle against the reactionary leadership and for a class struggle policy, begins Friday, Jan. 17, with B. Reynolds as instructor.

**LABOR HISTORY**  
The History of the Labor Movement, dealing with the rise and development of the American labor movement, begins Monday, Jan. 13, with J. Wilson as instructor.

**LABOR PARTY**  
The four-week lecture course in the Labor Party, with Bill Schneideman, district organizer of the Communist Party, begins Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Among other courses are Principles of Organization, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 14; Labor Journalism, beginning Friday, Jan. 17; English, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 15.

All classes begin promptly at 8 o'clock every evening with the exception of Sunday, when the class start at 2 p. m.

Register for the classes today at the office of the San Francisco Workers' School, 121 Haight st. The office will be open every day from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m.

**MINERS FACE DEPORTATION TO FASCIST COUNTRIES ON 'RADICALISM' CHARGE**

**Part of Vicious Campaign of Gallup-Amer. Coal Company to Smash Union**

GALLUP, N. M., Jan. 5.—Facing deportation to Fascist countries, where they will certainly be met with prison camps and death, five workers of Gallup are today in grave danger, as result of the collaboration of the United States Department of Labor with the Gallup-American Coal Company.

Angelo and Auro Cattaneo, miners, have been taken into custody by officers of the Immigration Service for deportation to Fascist Italy, on charges of "radicalism."

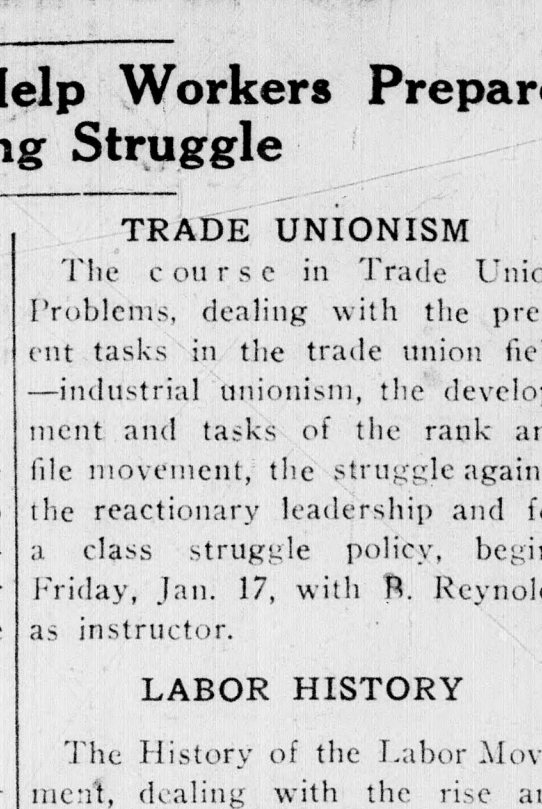
Frank Massida and Mrs. Felicitas De Murtas, are also menaced with deportation into the bloody hands of Mussolini, with the proceedings against them now pending.

Mike Stavro is faced with deportation to Fascist Bulgaria. The deportation attempts are part of the vicious campaign of the Gallup-American Coal Company to smash the militant local here of the United Mine Workers of America.

Frank Massida incurred the wrath of the coal company when he put up his property as security on bonds made for the purpose of preventing threatened eviction from their homes of striking miners during the 1933 strike.

Mrs. De Murtas is wife of a

## COOP LEADER



Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese cooperative leader, was principal speaker when 300 delegates from coops, churches and trade unions met in Indianapolis, Dec. 30-31. Appeals to Washington brought a reversal of a decision of immigration authorities to bar Kagawa for eye disease.

**STRIKE CALLED IN COPPER MINE LABOR DISPUTE**

By T. J. Croaff, Jr. (Special Dispatch)  
PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3.—A strike halted operations in the Green-Canaan Copper Company mines and smelter in Cananea, Sonora, Mex., according to information received here last night by the Federated Press correspondent.

Nearly 100 workers are refusing to go to their jobs in a continuation of a labor dispute that has interrupted mine operations during the last four months.

Mine company officials are refusing to negotiate with the striking workers, most of whom are Indians.

A threatened strike was averted last month when Governor Jesus Gutierrez sent a federal labor inspector here to conduct an investigation. At that time, workers submitted 29 grievances which were ignored.

There is no federal labor conciliator in Cananea now, and no word has been received from Hermsillo concerning action contemplated by the governor.

Workers called a strike four months ago, but returned to their jobs after negotiations, which promised better conditions in the mines, were made by a government representative.

Most of the mine workers' grievances are directed against the repressive actions of shaft foremen and superintendents, the majority of whom are white Americans.

According to reports received here, the strike is under rank and file control.

**WORKERS FORCE LABOR INSPECTORS TO ACT**  
DETROIT.—(FP)—So flagrant are violations of state labor laws by Detroit employers that six deputy labor inspectors have been sent into the city to conduct a general mop-up. Conditions under which women and minors are being employed are described by State Labor Commissioner Frank B. Wade as "outrageous and deplorable."

The drive is a result of increasing complaints from employees about unsanitary and hazardous conditions.

**HELP DISTRIBUTE 500,000 EDITION OF DIMITROFF'S PAMPHLET, "WORKING CLASS UNITY—BULWARK AGAINST FASCISM". PRICE 5 CENTS.**

**476 WORKERS KILLED BUILDING TUNNEL**  
**CORPORATE GREED DOOMS 1500 TO SLOW DEATH FROM SILICOSIS**

NEW YORK.—(FP)—A fight for a speedy and sweeping investigation of "the greatest industrial catastrophe in American history"—the Gauley Bridge silicosis tragedy in West Virginia, with 476 workers already dead and an estimated 1500 dying—has been pledged by New York's fighting Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

The cruel and calculating callousness of corporate greed dooming some 2000 men to cough their lives away in the slow death of silicosis rather than spend the few thousand dollars which safety appliances would have cost seemed, on first report, too fantastic to believe.

**DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY**  
But further investigation of circumstances surrounding the boring of the power tunnel between Hawk's Nest and Gauley Bridge has not only confirmed the dimensions of the tragedy, but has brought into even sharper relief the details of the inhumanly savage cruelty involved.

What is more, ramifications of the affair have been traced from

## CONFERENCE FOR REPEAL OF C. S. ACT REFUSED SCOTT. RITE HALL

**TOLD THAT AUDITORIUM IS 'BARRED' TO ANY GROUP AGAINST THE GOVT.**



SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—"Scottish Rite Auditorium will not be rented to any organization for the purpose of discussing a controversial subject."

That is the explanation given by John A. Dignan, auditorium superintendent in refusing to rent Scottish Rite to the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act for a mass meeting, January 29.

A Conference Committee, consisting of trade unionists and progressives, who called to protest, did not find anyone in the building and left, arranging to meet at a later date. The Conference secretary, however, in a half hour conversation with Dignan later in the day, was told the hall was barred to any group "against the government."

Told that the conference represents a quarter of a million Californians, a number far in excess of the California membership of the American Legion, believed to be responsible for the Scottish Rite "gag ruling," the superintendent

said to write a letter to be considered by the Board of Trustees of the auditorium and an answer would be sent.

**MANAGEMENT STALLS**  
The letter was sent and despite numerous phone calls no answer was given until George Woolf, president of the I.L.A. Ship Scales' Union, Local 38-100, managed to contact the superintendent by phone. He was told by Dignan that the Board of Trustees had acted on the letter and had refused to rent the hall to the conference.

When asked if the Scottish Rite Auditorium would be rented to the American Legion or other red-baiting organizations, Dignan replied: "Certainly."

Powerful protests should be made immediately to the management of the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Send letters and wires to Dignan, Scottish Rite Auditorium, San Francisco, demanding that the gag-ruling against labor and progressive organizations be rescinded.

**REACTIONARY PRESSURE**  
A recent issue of the fascist Marin County newspaper "The American Citizen" denounced the Scottish Rite Auditorium for renting the hall to left wing groups and posed the question, "Is Scottish Rite hard up for money?" The pressure from the reactionaries and fascist forces has been turned on, and the Scottish Rite managers gave in.

All unions and liberal and radical organizations should answer their challenge to protect their constitutional rights of freedom of speech and assembly.

The Conference mass meeting will be held at Building Trades Temple, Wednesday evening, Feb. 5th.

**REPORTERS FIGHT LONGER WORK WEEK ON HEARST PAPERS**

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**CARICATURES OF CHIEFS BANNED**

TOKYO, Dec. 26.—The Japanese home office has just issued a circular requesting all Japanese newspapers and magazines to refrain from publishing caricatures of chiefs of state. This action is a sequel to the incident in which the Japanese government protested in Washington against a caricature of Emperor Hirohito, which appeared in Vanity Fair.

The press affirms that the circular originated in representations made by the German embassy in Tokyo against cartoons of Chancellor Adolf Hitler, which were considered an "affront to the pride and honor of the German people."

**NEW YORK.—(FP)—Average meat consumption per head in Italy decreased under Mussolini's rule from 41 kilos in 1926 to 25.7 kilos in 1934, according to the Labor Chest for Relief and Liberation of Workers of Europe.**

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**SAILORS' UNION IS DETERMINED TO SIT TIGHT**

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and insisted that there would be no discrimination against any member regardless of beliefs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—With fifty-one steamships tied up in a virtual strike on the Pacific Coast, shipowners maneuvered to stage a fight to a finish attack upon the Maritime Federation.

Elisha Hansen, operators' representative, in his efforts to recruit Government aid in smashing the West Coast maritime unions, exhibited an imposing array of "records" to prove that the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast was an "illegal conspiracy."

He demanded that "Bridges and his associates" be prosecuted under the Anti-Sherman Trust Law. The New York Times of Dec. 31st states:

"According to reports received here today employers on the Pacific Coast virtually have completed a Coastwide vigilante organization to protect their interest in the event that they find themselves unable to obtain redress from the government, should the international unions continue to be unable to discipline their Pacific Coast local unions..."

"It is a question in labor circles here whether or not the demand of the seamen is not the showdown signal for which the employers have been waiting. The Pacific Coast owners are said to be in constant touch with the Atlantic operators, and it is probable that a meeting of both groups will be held in San Francisco."

"The employers may wait the outcome of the International Seamen's Convention. If the parent body fails to take hold of the West Coast situation and no action is taken by the Department of Justice, the shipowners will be prepared to make their decision..."

The fact that operators have openly announced the formation of vigilante groups, which was not unknown to Pacific Coast rank and file leaders, can mean but one thing.

Already Paul Scharrenberg, expelled member of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, has sounded the cry for the revocation of West Coast charters. Whether the executive body of the ISU will attempt to take such drastic action, depends upon how strong a representation the rank and file will have at the coming international convention which opens at the capital on January 14th.



## EAST OF THE Rockies

**Blazing Crosses  
Scottsboro Defense  
Less Pork  
Gag Law Loses  
Farm Foreclosure  
Frazier Bill**

DETROIT, Mich.—Striking pickets at the Metal Products plant here were greeted by a trail of burning crosses when they came to the plant at 6 o'clock. It is believed the crosses were placed there by a strike-breaking agency to terrorize the strikers.

Members of Metal Polishers' Union, Local 1, who are still working, have voted to strike and are awaiting approval of their action from national headquarters.

NEW YORK.—The American Scottsboro Committee, formed in the fall of 1934, has voted to disband. This action was taken following the formation of the Scottsboro Defense Committee, which will henceforth have exclusive charge of the cases. The new committee will carry on the work on the basis of a united front of four or five permanent organizations, with Samuel S. Leibowitz as counsel for the defendants.

WASHINGTON.—According to a forecast issued by the Comptroller, Board of the Department of Agriculture, the American people will continue to eat less pork, and pay high prices for what they eat. The fall pig crop in the United States is estimated at 20,272,000 head, 27 per cent less than the average number for the five years 1929-33, while the number for the whole year is 5 per cent less than the record low level of 1934.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Municipal Judge McGarry held unconstitutional an ordinance forbidding the sale of any article except newspapers on the streets of the Loop. Charles Rhine, arrested for selling Common Sense, a monthly magazine, was freed by Judge McGarry. Edgar Bernhard, of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, was Rhine's attorney.

NILES, Ohio.—Five hundred WPA workers voted for strike in protest against the scheduled change of hours from a five-day, 30-hour week to a four-day week, working the same numbers of hours a week.

At Sandusky workers assigned to jobs at Camp Perry refused to report to work protesting the \$40 monthly wage scale, which was \$4 less than the prevailing scale in Erie County.

CROSBY, N. D.—Support to the Westby Holiday defendants was pledged at a mass meeting of farmers from all parts of Divide County by ex-Governor Langer of North Dakota; N. Hahn, vice president of the North Dakota Federation of Labor, and others. The defendants were arrested for blocking a foreclosure sale by the notorious Minot Credit Corporation in the fall of 1933. They are charged with "defrauding the government" and conspiring to hold down bidding at the foreclosure sale.

NEW YORK.—Representative Vito Marcantonio predicted that nation-wide action by trade unions and unemployed organizations would support the Workers' Social Insurance Bill, to be introduced in Congress by Senator Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota. The Frazier Bill "contains the fundamental principles of the Landon Bill," Marcantonio said. The bill, prepared and written by a committee of the Inter-Professional Association, is the broadest, most comprehensive and practical social insurance bill yet proposed.

**Thousands of Young People Register for Work Under N. Y. A.**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Registration of young workers for jobs to be provided under the National Youth Administration started here yesterday at the California State Employment Service. Despite the low wages offered, thousands of youth are responding. Five thousand young men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 will be registered by appointment within the next two weeks, said R. C. Elliot, NYA registration officer.

## ENGLAND AND THE U. S. A. ARE BRAZIL RIVALS

Ever since 1929 Brazil has been short of foreign exchange with which to pay for its imports. Firms which have exported goods to Brazil have consequently had to be content with receiving only part of the money due them from abroad. In 1933 a "thawing agreement" was arranged by which the Brazilian government undertook to furnish exchange to pay off amounts then due. Since then, Brazil has undertaken to discriminate in its trade relations, allocating the available exchange to those countries which took the most of Brazil's exports. This policy has favored the United States, a big coffee consumer. Trade treaty between the United States and Brazil, signed early in 1935, but not ratified by Brazil until several months later, gave American exporters a further advantage in Brazilian markets since duties were reduced on commodities constituting 238 per cent of American exports to Brazil in 1933.

But the American exporters have waited in vain for the benefits they thought they had gained. Not only did the Sao Paulo manufacturing interests succeed in blocking ratification of the trade treaty until November 18, but Brazil has shown continued inability to meet payments under the thawing agreement, and recently sought to let American capitalists to lend Brazil the funds necessary to throw

out the frozen balances. The sum of \$21,650,000 is still blocked in accounts of American exporters in Brazil.

Brazil has become less dependent upon United States as a market for its products, owing to increased purchases of Brazilian cotton by European countries. In 1934 Brazilian exports to European countries were greater than to the United States, for the first time. Brazilian exports to Europe this year (1935) have been even larger than in 1934, while exports of coffee, chief article exported to the United States, have been falling off. England, which has as much of an investment in Brazil as all other countries put together, got in ahead of the United States by concluding a thawing agreement in August. Blocked British accounts were nearly as large as blocked American accounts.

Ratification of the trade treaty by Brazil and speeding up of thawing agreement with the United States coincided with revolt last November in eight Brazilian states. Considering the important part played in previous Brazilian political movements by American imperialists who advanced funds to one side or the other in return for economic concessions, the sudden resolve of Getulio Vargas' government to complete the negotiations can easily be understood.

## ENTERTAINMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR 'WAR CHEST'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Celebration of the fourteenth birthday of the Daily Worker and the first birthday of the Sunday Worker, will be held here on Sunday, January 19th, at the Cultural Center, 6 p. m., with an elaborate program now being arranged.

Stanley Hancock, Communist Party organizer in the San Diego Section, will be the leading speaker, outlining the role that the workers' press must perform in building the Farmer-Labor Party.

Held under the auspices of the Los Angeles Press Conference, the affair will devote all funds raised to the current Western Worker drive. A capacity crowd is anticipated.

Entertainment will include popular readings by Harold Hoff, music by the International Workers' Chorus, and "Mr. Morgan and Mr. Ford," a clever skit on the "Gallagher and Shean" motif, by two members of the Rebel Players.

Following the New Year's Eve affairs, throughout the Los Angeles Section, tremendous interest is being aroused in making the "war chest" drive for the Western Worker the biggest success ever attained here. The local workers are determined to defeat San Francisco in the campaign and are planning scores of house parties, dances, entertainments, etc., to raise funds.

All interested workers are urged to attend the Press Conference meetings every Monday night, at 8 o'clock in the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring street.

## THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN ONE OF CUTTING PAY

**25 CENTS TAKEN FROM A RELIEF CHECK**

By a Worker Correspondent.  
SAN FRANCISCO.—"A change in regulation eliminates clothing allowances from all budgets. Deduction is made for commodities issued you at 1563 Mission street. This explains your reduced check."

The above is the content of a note received by me. But I have never received any groceries from 1563 Mission street. Yet 25 cents was deducted from my budget, leaving \$4.68 per week. I went to 450 Mission street to protest this cut and was directed to the paymaster's office.

I explained the above and was directed to go to see my visitor at the Tenth street office. I insisted I was in the proper office. Finally I went to the Tenth street office and registered with the clerk. Then I was sent to see my visitor. I explained the error to him, but he refused to listen and told me to come back next week.

Meanwhile this will give them a chance to deduct another 25 cents from my check.

## Negro Workers Are Trained for War at Concentration Camp

RICHMOND, Calif., Jan. 6.—I am a Negro boy and due to the so-called depression I and about 180 more, all colored, have been sent to work on the San Pablo Dam, seven miles out of Richmond, for \$30 per month of which \$25 goes back to our families.

We are forced to work in mud and rain, eat bad food and be bossed around and discriminated against by white officers.

We realize we are being prepared for war under the guise of getting employment and that, as in the last war, we will be forced to do all the dirty work and will be among the first to be sent to the front to be shot down for the same gang of bosses that we now are working for.

Then, as now, they will be sitting back while we do the fighting—and the dying.

## American Employers Slaughter 73 Workers During Struggles of 1935

### ALABAMA FIRST WITH NINE DEAD

By John Davis.  
NEW YORK.—On the gates that open the New Year are engraved the names of seventy-three workers murdered during the year 1935, testimony to the deadly growth of reaction in the United States.

Two lists, compiled and made public (Dec. 31) by the International Labor Defense, reveal that at least 49 workers were killed in strikes and other economic struggles, while 24 others, all Negroes but one, were lynched.

Even this toll of working class dead, however, is incomplete. It has been impossible to make a final check-up on the number of sharecroppers killed in Alabama during the cotton strikes. The names of six Negroes are known, but two more bodies have been found which are presumably those of murdered croppers. Sheriff R. E. Woodruff of Hanesville, Ala., has declared that the total killed was 15. In Lowndes County, the terror has been so sharp and continuous that a check-up has been impossible.

**LYNCH TOLL INCOMPLETE**  
The list of lynchings is considered entirely incomplete. Many lynchings occur which are not recorded in the press and only come to light months later, if at all.

Of the 49 murdered by police, deputies, National Guardsmen, and vigilantes, 33 were killed in struggles conducted by the trade unions. There are Paul Knight and

## SHE SACRIFICED HER FREEDOM Imprisoned for Her Political Integrity



Louise Todd, No. 58298, at the Women's State Prison, Tehachapi, Calif., one of the three women Communists who were imprisoned in frame-ups last year. Comrade Todd was sentenced to one to fourteen years for violating a minor technicality of the election laws. The other two women in this prison were given the same sentences in the notorious Criminal Syndicalism railroadings. They are: Nora Conklin, No. 57616, and Caroline Decker, No. 57617.

## WPA Workers Denied Medical Aid; Five Thousand Men Hit By Ruling

**Wages Expected to Cover Doctor Bills; Transients Also Refused**

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.  
(Special Dispatch)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 7.—Maricopa county tightened the strings on its medical relief purse again by laying down a general rule that henceforth WPA employees or members of their families will not be given free treatment.

Wages being received by WPA workers from the federal government are "high enough to permit such persons to pay their own doctors and there is no need for the county to be burdened by such expenses," according to Dr. Norman A. Ross, county physician. Dr. Ross said the new ruling is

effective immediately and will affect more than five thousand workers on relief projects.

Confronted with the wage scale paid WPA employees in Maricopa County, a scale that spells starvation for thousands of destitute families in this state, Dr. Ross admitted that "it will be hard to lit a happy medium in this problem, but the job must be done. While it is true that WPA workers receive only \$4 to \$75 per month, this is considerably higher than the relief budgetary allowances under the FERA program."

County authorities also have agreed that transient jobless who

## Lenin's Plan to Build Socialism

**Goal Set Surpassed By Soviet Union In 15 Years**

Lenin 15 years ago made one of his most famous sayings, "Electrification plus Soviet power equals Communism." On this basis a plan was drawn up to electrify the Soviet Union, and develop a modern industry within the next 15 years.

This plan when drawn up was regarded as romantic foolishness, and clear proof of the alleged "impracticability" of Communism. H. G. Wells, himself an inventor of Utopias, laughed at the idea of industrializing Russia.

### LENIN'S DREAM REALIZED

Today this dream of Lenin has been more than realized. G. K. Orjonikidze, commissar of heavy industry, at a recent session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, gave some figures on the industrial output Lenin hoped to see attained within fifteen years and the actual output today.

Coal, 62,000,000 tons annually, 108,000,000 tons in 1935; meat, 16,400,000 tons, 18,500,000 tons in 1935; oil, 11,000,000 to 16,000,000, as compared with 25,000,000 tons; pig iron, 8,200,000 tons, 12,500,000 tons last year; steel, 6,500,000 tons, against 12,400,000 tons; aluminum, 980 tons, against 25,000.

Some 15 years ago Lenin said that 100,000 tractors would convince the poor and middle peasants of the practicability of collectivization and win them to Socialism. Today not only are the vast majority of peasants in collective farms, but Soviet industry each year builds more than 100,000 tractors for them.

### NEVER EQUALED

This growth of Soviet industry, foreseen by Lenin, has never been equaled in history. In the past ten years production of electricity grew from 3,400,000 kilowatts per day to 58,000,000. In December, 1925, 12 locomotives, 28 freight cars, 49 tractors, and 7 auto trucks were produced. In December, 1935, the corresponding figures were 134 locomotives, 10,000 freight cars, 9500 tractors, and 7000 auto trucks.

Thus today, nearly 12 years after the death of Lenin, the Soviet Union stands a living tribute to his memory, the fulfillment of the tasks he set before the country.

come here must take care of their own medical needs.



Photograph of Lenin taken shortly before his death. He is shown discussing a point with a worker on the streets of Moscow. His untiring patience and personal concern for every problem of the workers, however small, was a characteristic as typical of Lenin as his outstanding ability in the field of major issues.

## GRADE CROSSING WPA PROJECT IS STARTED IN L. A.

**POLICE CHIEF OPPOSED TO SAFETY PLAN**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Once rejected by the WPA, the crossing-guard project to protect thousands of school children from traffic hazards was approved here today, and will provide 286 WPA guards for crossings in Los Angeles City and 325 more in other parts of the county.

Total cost of the project will be \$154,774 for the next four months.

The Parent-Teacher Association has been active in the campaign for this project, but has met the run-around from Police Chief Davis and the Police Commission.

"White-collar" workers will be employed on the project.

## "Capital Doomed," Declares Farmer-Laborite Senator

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—"Industrial leaders are turning to Fascism," so spoke Elmer A. Benson, delivering his maiden address as U. S. Senator, over a radio broadcast from the Chicago Federation of Labor station, WCFL.

Benson, a former banking commissioner declared that the "present depression was more or less a permanent condition from which we will not recover unless we do something about it. Fundamental changes must be made soon."

A Farmer-Laborite, Benson is en-route to Washington to assume the seat vacated by the death of the late Senator from Minnesota, Thomas D. Schall.

"Public ownership and production for use must be substituted for capitalism, which is doomed," stated Benson. "I am convinced that nothing short of social ownership of key industries can save us."

## Coal Miners Threat Nation-Wide Strike In Great Britain

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A nationwide strike in coal has become almost an immediate prospect here.

Barring agreement between coal miners and mine operators, representatives of the workers have declared, strike notices will be issued between January 13 and 20. The strike will be called for January 29.

The workers are demanding a wage increase amounting to about 50 cents per day. Mine operators declare they cannot grant the wage raise without increasing the price of coal to the consumer.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Soviet Employment Agency Nazi Farm War Anti-War Congress Ethiopian Adviser Polish Peasants

VIENNA, Austria.—The opposition of the German farmers to the Nazi regime is one of the main causes of the German food shortage, states a Berlin message to the semi-official Reichspost entitled "The Hidden Peasant War in the Third Empire."

The farmers who were largely responsible for the advent to power of the Nazis were originally taken in by the Nazi promises to deliver them from "debt slavery," unbearable taxes and so on. Now, however, they find themselves greatly disappointed.

The correspondent cites facts and figures to show that the Nazi policy of prices and taxation is ruinous to the peasantry and leads to a steady decrease in cultivated area and a slaughter of cattle owing to the high cost of fodder. The farmers express their opposition openly for they feel that no matter how powerful the German secret police may be they cannot plough the farmers' fields, concludes the correspondent.

TOKYO, Japan.—Two Japanese war lords, Generals Araki and Hondo, and Naval Minister Osami were given the rank of barons as a reward for their services in plundering North China and Inner Mongolia.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa.—An antiwar and fascism conference just concluded here adopted resolutions against the partition of Ethiopia. Another resolution demanded the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann from Nazi dungeons.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden.—After a campaign of two months, the Italians have advanced only 60 km., meeting no serious resistance from the Abyssinians, declared the Swedish general who was formerly military adviser to the Negus, in a recent interview.

Only now are the Abyssinians attacking the Italian rear, he added. Their object is to cut the Italian lines of communication.

Tonching on the possible development of the war, the general said that everything depends on whether Italy will be able to hold out until next June. He considers this to be unlikely. The Abyssinians will apparently take the first opportunity that presents itself for commencing a large scale offensive.

WARSAW, Poland.—The need of maintaining friendly relations between Poland and the USSR was stressed in a resolution adopted at a recent congress of the Peasants Party.

"Without interfering with the domestic affairs of the USSR and while categorically rejecting all interference in the affairs of this country, we," the resolution states, "protest resolutely against any attempts to form an anti-Soviet coalition, which would serve to ferment a new and terrible war."

The resolution also expresses dissatisfaction at the worsening of the relations between Poland and France, as well as between Poland and Czechoslovakia. A further protest is made against Polish concessions to Germany and to the recent manifestations of Polish-German friendship.

MOSCOW.—Approximately 6500 "help wanted" requests for 125,000 skilled workers in various fields as well as for unskilled labor were received by the Moscow Information Bureau (Mosgospravka) from April 1 to Nov. 30. Only a small percentage of these requests could be satisfied. In addition to requests for help received from Moscow enterprises, many were received from points outside of Moscow.

## Club Women Protest Child Labor in Calif.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(FP)—Condemning the practice of allowing children of school age to work in the valley cotton fields during school hours, a vigorous resolution was adopted by the Maricopa County Council of Democratic Women's Clubs at a meeting in the Glendale Women's Club.



Seventy-three workers, Negro and white, were murdered by police, vigilantes, thugs and National Guardsmen during 1935. Here is a typical scene, taken from the great Textile strike, showing the alignment of forces. Another government slaughter here is being provoked. A smashing vote for Farmer-Labor Party candidates in the 1936 election will force the employers to recognize the right of workers to organize, strike and picket.

Kenneth Eldridge, of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union, A. F. of L., murdered by vigilantes at El Centro, Calif.; Sam Childs, Negro member of the United Mine Workers of America, killed by three members of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Police at Birmingham, Ala. There are members of the International Longshoremen's Ass'n, Sam Brandt and Ernest Dukes, a Negro, who lost their lives in the Gulf strike.

Ruling class terror struck down Socialist and Communist alike. Salomon Esquibel, Communist leader of Gallup, N. M., was killed by deputies during the protest

against an eviction that resulted in the Gallup frameup trials.

**CALIF. BOSSES KILL 8**  
The last two victims during the year 1935 were both Socialists: Joseph Shoemaker, who died of a police-Klan flogging at Tampa, Fla., and Carl Swanson, killed by a scab foreman on a picket line at the Motor Products Corporation in Detroit, Mich.

One of the most hideous killings was that of Willie Foster, a Negro. An organizer of the International Labor Defense, Foster came to Selma, Ala., to investigate the arrests of Sharecroppers' Union members during

the cotton croppers' strike. He was arrested, killed and secretly buried.

Negro and white, Socialist and Communist, Republican and Democrat, A. F. of L. members and sympathizers, fell before the attacks of the capitalist class as fascist trends cropped out in one state after another. Alabama accounted for nine of the dead; California eight; New York five; Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Ohio, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky, two each; Mississippi, So. Carolina, Florida and Michigan, one each.



## RIP TIDES

By LeMae

## "All Hands and The Cook"

"What ship did you make, Slim?"

"I made the West . . . I am going to see what it feels like to sail under the new award. It ought to be a lot different than in the old days."

"I'll say it is different . . . have you got a copy of the award in your pocket? You'll certainly find it different, alright."

With this cryptic remark, Slim was left to make his way to the pier. As he surveyed his future "home," he thoughtfully noticed that the winning of an "award" hadn't wrought any miracle changes in the ships themselves.

Clambering up a gangway which also had apparently not heard about the award, as it swayed dangerously against the flowing unsanitary discharge and threatened to douse Slim and his baggage, he noticed the heavy deck chain lashings hanging down to the water's edge. Like a good sailor and with a thought of the heavy mule-hauling to come, he cursed whoever was to blame for this carelessness.

Shipping card in hand he struggled up and over the ragged deck in search of the delegate. Slim recalled a time not so long ago, when it was the mate to whom he would be reporting. "Yep, things were different."

"Ya' got cha' book?" asked the delegate.

"Sure, and my picket cards, too," Slim added. "For both strikes." He flourished two picket cards covered with dates.

"We can use that; we were the last one out trying to make it out," the delegate informed Slim as he spied a copy of the "award" in the folds of his union book.

"If you get back there in time you'll get some chow," the delegate waved Slim to messroom aft.

He nodded to the longshoremen and instinctively looked to see if his Federation button was displayed prominently enough, as he gingerly picked his way over the loose deck.

One look at the foc'sle and Slim retreated to the messroom. That foc'sle looked like there had been a strike, let alone an "award."

The rest of the crew was seated at the mess table. That is all except two. They were eating off a leaky steam pipe with a board across it.

"You'll have to wait until a couple of us get through," the mess-boy told Slim. "Ain't room enough for all at one sitting."

Slim thumbed the "award" pamphlet, speculatively. He eyed his sweaty hands and then started for the wash room. One look with hated breath, and Slim decided his hands weren't so dirty after all.

"I tell you I am going to pile off this tub, she's too damn grumpy for me." It was one of the officers with his hat jammed on his head and a half shut straw suitcase in his hand.

"What do you mean quit—let's stay aboard of her," argued the carpenter. "We have an award, haven't we?"

"Yeh," was the derisive cry from a dozen throats.

"Well, I'll tell you what," Slim threw his coat on the bench.

"What do you say, we remind the skipper about that 'award'?"

"Oh, he has seen one before," someone volunteered.

"I said, let's remind him of it," Slim answered evenly.

He drew a pencil and paper out of his pocket and opened the copy of the "award." He checked each paragraph and then wrote something. Finished, he handed the paper, pencil and the award to an officer. "Put down the things the chief engineer has forgotten about in that award."

There were plenty of things the officer had to write. Slim then handed the sheet to the mess-boy. "You guys have plenty of beefs, put it down," Slim motioned.

"Let's take it up to the old man in a body," one of the A. B.s spoke up.

"And if we don't get it, why, she'll lay here," chimed in a wiper.

"You're darn right, and if they fire one, they fire all," the mess-boy asserted with a note of militancy.

"We'll take along a copy of the award in case the old man hasn't got one," Slim led the way up the railless and greasy ladder.

"Wait a minute," The procession halted, as Slim stopped at number five hatch to speak to the longshoremen. "Where's the gang steward?"

"Right here," spoke up one of them.

Slim explained to him what it was all about. Showed him the award and the list of complaints. The gang steward nodded his head approvingly. "Go, right ahead, any arguments about it and we join you," he assured the crew.

One look at the delegation outside of his cabin door and the old man took off for the port captain's office with the complaint list. A hurried consultation, and the old man returned with a reassuring smile on his face. He waved the paper at the crew. "Go ahead back to work, fellows, the office is getting busy right now," he informed the crew.

"Yep, it ought to be a lot different sailing under the award."

## RED SQUAD HEAD RETIRES; ANTI-SEMITES HINTED

## JEWISH PURGE SEEN AS NEW LAW IS ADOPTED

CHICAGO.—(FP)—Lieut. Make Mills, Russian Jewish head of the Chicago police department's red squad, is retiring at the age of 64 amid the fervent plaudits of the capitalist press. Behind his retirement, due to a new law, lie rumors of an anti-Semitic clean-up in the department. Mills has been in service 39 years.

Questioned on the Jewish angle Mills simply cited the new law, which was, however, specially passed to get rid of certain men in the department. The red squad has been notorious for its brutality and cruelty to helpless radical prisoners, most of whom were subsequently discharged by the courts or even freed by the police without booking.

## Glorifying the American Rat

"The Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Inc., has offices in every large city, and yields to none its claim to be the most effective spy bureau in the land."

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Edward Levinson, in Harper's Magazine.)

## All Voters Must Be Re-registered; Mar. 26 Set As Deadline

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—All voters who wish to go to the polls in any city, county, state or national election in 1936 must re-register, according to announcement here by County Registrar of Voters Kerr.

March 26 is the last day for registration for those wishing to vote in the presidential primary in May, while new political parties wishing to qualify for the presidential contest must do so by February 20, Kerr said.

Voters wishing to change political parties must notify the registrar and receive certification from the secretary of state by March 10.

## JOBLESS MAN IN SUICIDE HURDLE OFF L.A. BRIDGE

## CAMERAMAN DESPONDENT AS NO WORK AVAILABLE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Another unemployed worker chose the "easy way out" here last night, when John Benwell, 33, of 722 North Van Ness ave., Hollywood, leaped from the railing of "suicide bridge" over the Arroyo Seco at Colorado street, Pasadena, to his death on the rocks 186 feet below.

Pasadena police said despondency because of his inability to find employment had driven Benwell, an unemployed motion picture cameraman, to end his life. He was the 72nd victim of "suicide bridge."

Shouting farewell, Benwell took the dizzy leap. A note behind said, "Notify Mr. King." When police called Mr. King, a girl's voice answered the telephone, was quiet when they told her what had happened. "Mr. King" was Frances King, Glendale, Benwell's fiancée.

## ACTORS ACT UP AS WPA WAGES ARE WITHHELD

## ADMINISTRATION STUPIDITY CAUSES PAY LOSS

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Unemployed actors didn't have to do any acting to show how mad they were, when a delegation descended on WPA headquarters to protest against unpaid wages and other grievances in connection with the WPA theater project in New York.

Delegates Bernard Kaplan, Clyde Gooden and Dorothy Gillam told Asst. WPA Administrator Jacob Baker that 289 actors went to work on the order of Supervisor Elmer Rice, but were not put on the payroll until from one to 10 weeks later. Their demands for this back pay were refused on the grounds that "no retroactive pay may be issued by the Treasury Dept." The loss to some individuals runs up to \$100 in unpaid wages.

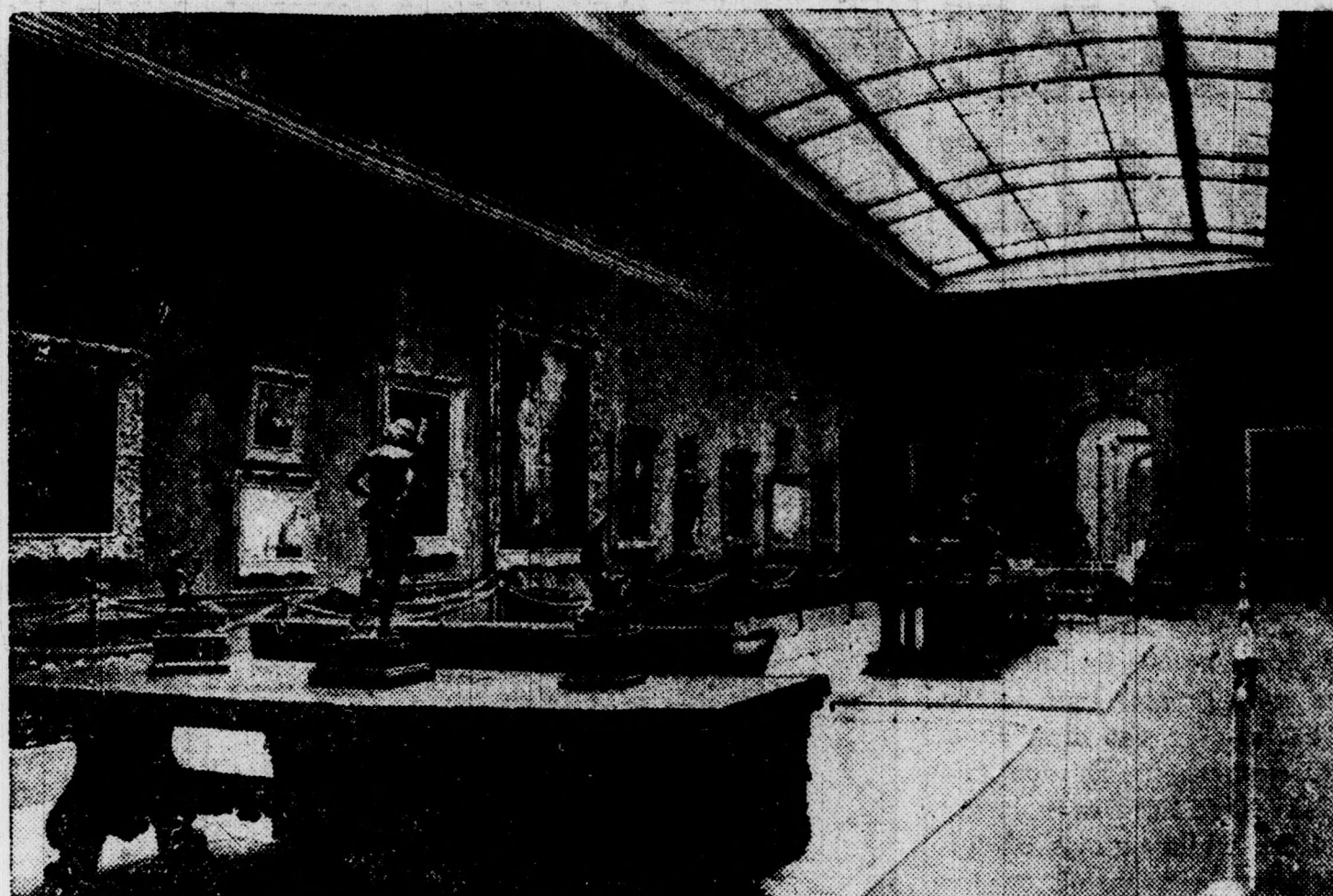
Baker blamed the situation on the "stupidity" of the New York administration, the delegates reported, but said nothing could be done about it. Asked why so few had been put on the payroll out of the quota, he again referred the actors to New York, warning that if the project is not fully developed soon, the money may be assigned to some other kind of recreation project.

The delegation also protested against the number of "G" men used to snoop on the workers. They charged that the detectives tend to intimidate the WPA workers from organizing. Payment of the prevailing instead of the "security" wage and relaxation of the order against hiring those not on the relief roll, were other demands.

The delegation was elected at a general membership meeting of the Federal Theater Project locals of the New York Project Council.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

## THIS WAS SWEATED OUT OF THE HIDE OF LABOR And the Artists and Sculptors Didn't Fare So Well Either



A beautiful gallery—a treasury of art. The \$50,000,000 collection of the late Henry Clay Frick, coal baron and strike-breaker. Every cent that went into this gallery was sweated out of the hides of the coal miners. The artists who created these works of art starved in attics. This is why the Communists say "art belongs to the masses." They created it—their toil made it possible.

Since the death of Frick, this collection has been put on display by public inspection in New York and may be viewed if you make application for tickets in advance.

## 1936 Recovery Prospects; Capitalism's Pipe Dream

Current "recovery" can be understood properly only if we contrast what business is getting out of it with how the working masses are faring. On the one hand we see soaring profits of corporations, double last year in many instances, higher production figures, higher stock market and commodity values and larger dividends. On the other we see a huge undiminished army of unemployed, all direct federal relief cut off, the prospect of drastic cuts in the WPA program in order to reduce federal expenditures, and the real wages of employed workers (taking into consideration average weekly wages and cost of living) only about 2 per cent above the 1932 level. (See Dec., 1935, Economic Notes, page 3.) A. F. of L. estimates 11,650,000 unemployed in October, 1935. We believe a proper census would show in the neighborhood of 15,000,000.

And what are the prospects for employed and unemployed workers in this period of "recovery"? This is what Roger W. Babson, veteran advisor to capitalists, had to say before Sales Executives Club of New York, Inc., on December 2 last. After predicting more prosperity in the business and speculative markets, he declared: "I am, however, disturbed as to the unemployment situation. The activity of labor unions, recent social security legislation and other administrative measures are driving manufacturers more and more to automatic and other labor-saving machinery. Some of this machinery has already been installed, but most of it is still in the blueprint stage. Its effect on unemployment will not be noticeable until 1936 or 1937."

## DECLINING STANDARDS

Issue of New York Times, reporting Babson's statement, read: "Pointing out that the standard of living has been declining steadily in this country since 1922, Mr. Babson said that it will continue to fall in the coming few years in spite of increased business activity. . . . Mr. Babson concluded by stating that stock market revivals, booming real estate sales and record-breaking retail sales, made possible through the spending of public funds, will not solve the unemployment situation."

Colonel Leonard Ayres of the Cleveland Trust Co., in predicting "modest progress" for 1936 (progress for the capitalists, of course) declares: "Nevertheless, we are still a long way from full recovery."

If we examine the position of the farmers, here too the inevitable conclusion is that the improvement has benefited the rich and well-to-do section and not the poor farmers. Cash income of the entire farming population for 1935 is estimated at about 12 per cent higher than last year, but at the same time we learn that a "Strictly Confidential" report prepared by the Finance and Research Division of the Farm Credit Administration shows that a wave of farm foreclosures, unsurpassed except in 1932, is sweeping the country. From January to August, 1935, inclusive, the number of foreclosures completed was nearly three times as great as in the same

period of the preceding year. Farmers National Weekly points out that the foreclosures are being carried out by the 12 Federal Land Banks which were established supposedly for the purpose of refinancing poor farmers threatened with loss of their homesteads.

## CLOSE TO CEILING

Sober capitalist economists are not at all sure of "recovery" as New Year's newspaper headlines would indicate. Colonel Ayres says, "If we are ever again to have a real recovery and a real prosperity it must come through a large-scale business revival in the durable goods industries." And the Analyst, Dec. 13, reached the same conclusion, after pointing out that "At the present price level, however, retail trade is probably close to the ceiling."

Large scale extension of the

durable goods industries depends greatly upon new capital issues by corporations and reinvestment of corporate surpluses now held in cash, i.e., new investment of capital not now employed. Supply of idle capital in the United States is certainly over-plentiful at present, but, as will be seen from the following figures, the capitalists are unable to utilize the really large sums of capital required for a further large scale extension of the basic industries. The effective curb, of course, is the limited markets both at home and abroad and the fear of another crash when the present cyclical upturn has worn itself out. We should state again the important fact that most of the funds spent by corporations for durable goods during the last two years have gone into labor-displacing machinery or other equipment intended to lower labor costs.

## NEW NAZI ATTACK ON SCIENCE REPUDIATES MUELLER, WRITER

## Early Book Mocks Theory of Aryan Race, Press Attacks Author

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—In their head-on attack of science, the Nazis have just repudiated another of their most outstanding men, Max Mueller, who was about to be accepted by the Nazis as the world's greatest philologist and ethnologist, was re-discovered as the author of "Chips From a German Work-shop," published 1889.

In that book, the scientist had averred that anyone who used the term Aryan to apply to ethnic distinctions was an ignoramus, and that the adjective was meaningless for anything other than philological distinctions. The Nazi press has been voluble in its condemnation of Mueller, but the attacks have been noticeably lacking in

scientific backing.

A new "Survey of Racial Problems" by Drs. Junian Huxley and A. C. Haddon, reaffirms Mueller's thesis and declares, "There is not, and cannot be, such a thing as an Aryan race, since the term Aryan refers to language."

The source of the theory of superiority of the non-existent "Aryan Race" is a work by the French diplomat, de Gobineau, published about 1850. "In the beginning of the present century," Huxley and Haddon explain, "Gustav Kossinna took up the idea and applied it to pre-historic archaeology, and thus made German prehistory a predominantly national science."

## IDLE FROM INDUSTRIES DIVERTED TO FARMS IN ENGLISH VENTURE

In Great Britain's latest plan to divert the idle from industries into other vocations, 1200 coal miners from the Black Belt of Durham have been turned into farmers.

The most impressive colony of former miners tilling the soil, according to the latest report from the Land Settlement Association, is on the Bedfordshire estate of Malcolm Stewart, about fifty miles from London. Here some fifty families, recruited from the mining district of Durham, and others former shipwrights from Teesside and Wearside, are at work on five acre plots, producing fruit and vegetables, poultry and livestock, and are gaining a good living from the land.

The Land Settlement Association has at present \$5,000,000 in the treasury, available for similar projects if similar estates can be procured. Terms upon which unemployed might take advantage of this plan to become self-supporting are as follows:

Heads of families draw dole for

a year and the association gives them generous preliminary assistance. The next year they will begin to pay a small rent for their land.

Admitting that lack of available land was a great drawback, Sir Percy Jackson, chairman of the association, said, "Any talk of 'idle land' in large quantities is scarcely correct. . . . of land of a sort there is plenty," he added, "but the amount of suitable land available on which a small holder is likely to make a living and which possesses the minimum requirements in social and educational amenities, is a very limited quantity."

Sir Percy explained that the Land Settlement Association had agreed to undertake all the settlement work, except that for county Durham. Among other things, they had promised to set up 500 part-time group holdings in Cumberland if suitable land could be found. Attempt to continue with a similar program in Cumberland was hampered by a lack of land.

## ROPERERS ARE WORSE THAN PLAIN RATS

"The Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Inc., has offices in every large city, and yields to none its claim to be the most effective spy bureau in the land."

"T. J. Ryan, assistant superintendent of the agency in New York, explains a special strike service:

"We specialize in 'ropers.' The 'ropers' are a higher grade of men than the ordinary strikebreakers. They dress like strikers and mingle with them. They find out the men who are weakening, who might be argued into returning to work. They work on them, sometimes visit their homes. They send their names to their employer so that he can get in touch with them."

(Edward Levinson, in Harper's Magazine.)

## 33 Killed in Labors Fight To Organize

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Labor's fight for the right to organize and seek an American standard of living cost the movement 33 lives in 1935, a tabulation released by the Labor and Socialist Press Service, based on statistics of the Labor Research Association, shows.

The list of labor martyrs recalls the outstanding economic struggles of the year. Three were southern textile workers, killed by National guardsmen or company thugs. Seven were coal miners, two of them victims of deputies' gunfire in the company-controlled town of Gallup, N. M. Three fell in the struggle for a unionized waterfront at Gulf ports. Two were killed by police in the Omaha street car strike.

Two others were claimed by vigilante terror in California's Imperial Valley. Four were found dead in the swamps of Alabama during the cotton pickers' strike. Police killed two lumber strikers at Eureka, Calif. Various others fell in scattered struggles throughout the length and breadth of the land. The latest victims are Joseph Shoemaker, unemployed organizer, tarred and fatally beaten by Tampa, Fla., police and mobsters, and Carl Swanson, auto striker from the Motor Products plant, shot in the back by a scab foreman.

## Marine Firemen Score Eastern I.S.U. Gangsters

## DEMAND ENFORCEMENT OF A.F.L. CONVENTION

## RESOLUTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Aroused by the increased gangsterism being perpetrated against honest rank and file members by hoodlums under the direction of reactionary East Coast ISU officials, the Marine Firemen at their last meeting passed the following stinging resolution of denunciation:

WHEREAS: The 55th annual convention (1935) of the American Federation of Labor went on record, resolving to stop all gangsterism and racketeering within all unions affiliated with the A. F. of L., and

WHEREAS: The officials of the Atlantic and Gulf district of the International Seamen's Union of America have a mob of paid gangsters hired for the purpose of terrorizing the seamen and brutally beating those showing any signs of militancy, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Waterenders and Wipers' Association of the Pacific Coast goes on record condemning the East Coast officials for their Fascist tactics which they now practice in the operation of Unions, and be it further

RESOLVED: That Oscar Carlson, Gus Brown and Company immediately put an end to their anti-American policies, which resemble Hitler's, and operate the East and Gulf Coast unions with democratic American principles as contained in the Constitution of the United States and its amendments as referred to in the "Bill of Rights," and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be publicly announced through the press and copies of it be sent to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.

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## INCREASED TAX FALLS ON POOR; RICH EXEMPTED

## ARIZONA RECEIPTS GAIN ON SMALL TAXPAYERS

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Increased taxation is on the agenda of the Arizona state tax commission. The latest application for official permission to assess more taxes has been made by the Pima county board of supervisors, who are asking sanction to levy another \$11,000 for emergency expenditures.

Gleefully announcing an increase in tax collections during the past year, the city commission stated that the total for the year 1935 exceeded the total for 1934 by \$166,456.91.

Receipts for the past year totaled \$1,001,955.19, of which \$719,418.41 represented current taxes of real property; \$219,598.26 on delinquent real property taxes and the remainder, current and delinquent unsecured personal property taxes, according to the official report released.

While the taxes on private homes and small farms are rising, the Valley Bank of Arizona, owner of thousands of acres of the best farm lands and hundreds of homes and public buildings, the most of which were secured through foreclosures, is exempt from tax payments. Mining corporations, which are extracting fabulous wealth from the natural store of resources in this state, have compelled the reduction of assessments against mine properties. Not content with this, the Phelps-Dodge Mining Corporation has filed a suit for an injunction to restrain taxing authorities from making tax levies against its holdings, which are among the state's wealthiest.

## Reinstatement of Union Men Ordered

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Reinstatement with back pay of 18 aircraft workers is recommended in an intermediate report to the National Labor Relations Board, in the case of the Pratt & Whitney and Hamilton Propellers Divisions of the United Aircraft Manufacturing Corp., East Hartford, Conn.

The layoffs occurred immediately after a protest stoppage of work which happened simultaneously in both plants on Sept. 16. Although taking back the majority of the employees who stopped work, the company refused to reinstate these 18 men. They include the president and treasurer of Industrial Aircraft Lodge 119, five members of the union's executive committee and other key union officials.

## Preserving Civilization

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"What happens when the riot squad has a day off?" "There aren't any riots."



# WAKE UP THE SUSTAINING FUND DRIVE

Paul Scharrenberg wants to yank the charter of the International Seamen's Union on the Pacific Coast. WPA officials and the Federal Government are cutting thousands off work relief and direct relief. Another world war is brewing in Europe and Asia. The Pacific Coast may become the next international battle-ground in another imperialist war for profits.

Hearst is raving at the "Reds." All the capitalist papers take up the hue and cry against anyone who fights for a better life. Vigilante gangs plot in darkness against the working class and its trade unions. The San Francisco police department buys new equipment to use against workers on strike.

These are a few of the things against which we must unite in a broad struggle. The organ of this struggle on the West Coast has been and will continue to be—the Western Worker. The Western Worker lives on the nickels, dimes and dollars which the working class and its sympathizers donate.

The drive for a \$7500 sustaining fund for your paper is lagging. Collections this week, as reported to the Western Worker Campaign Committee, are too few to make a respectable appearing column in the paper.

We on the committee cannot report progress if there is no progress to report. It's up to you in the field to get busy.

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## LINDBERGH FLED HEARST MEN, IS BRITISH REPORT

NEW YORK.—(EP)—William Randolph Hearst, self-proclaimed upholder of Americanism, played a direct part in forcing the Lindbergh family to flee from the United States!

A raid by Hearst photographers on the Lindbergh car while young Jon was being taken to school, followed by widespread publication of the picture of the child, his panic-stricken mother and a terrified nursemaid in the Hearst press, helped determine the Lindbergh family to leave the country.

The unauthorized picture was printed in Hearst's New York American on Thanksgiving Day with the caption "Exclusive Photo of Famous Flier's Son at Wheel of Father's Auto." The same photo was sent to clients of Hearst's International Photos Service.

"Col. Lindbergh," The New

York Post charges in a biting front-page editorial, which discloses the facts of the case, "made it clear to his intimates that this was a deciding factor in determining him to take his family out of the country."

Less than a month ago, the Post reveals, a large automobile overtook the Lindbergh car as young Jon was being driven to school and forced it to the curb. Photographers jumped from the auto and snapped pictures of Anne Lindbergh, Jon and his nurse.

Mrs. Lindbergh is reported to have thought at the time that the affair was another kidnapping attempt. The colonel is quoted as saying that had he been there he would have fired at the men. Despite Hearst's responsibility in Lindbergh's departure, the pro-Fascist publisher is now self-righteously seeking to throw blame on "cranks, criminals and Communists"—the latter group including, in Hearst's eyes, liberals and progressives such as Lindbergh's late father.

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## Jobless Jottings

By the Boondogger (L. A.)

A little bird who is paid to roost behind a desk at 1206 South Santee has whispered to us that: "The honeymoon period of WPA is ended. Starting the first of the year the cracking-down process begins. Heretofore the big problem was to get 'em off SERA and onto WPA with as little confusion as possible. The next step is to find ways and means to divorce them from WPA without bringing about a mass rebellion." To accomplish this the following methods are to be used:

(1) Work will be speeded up on all projects. (2) Physical requirements will be more exacting. Those classified as unfit, unable or unwilling will be dropped. (3) Transfers to be made to tough jobs and obscure locations. (4) Failure to report on the job for a two-day period will mean dismissal. (5) Those "refusing" jobs (even seaf jobs) in industry will be laid off until the end of the job which was "refused." (6) No political discussions will be permitted on the job. (7) "Radicals," "agitators," and "trouble makers" will be discharged. (8) Public Works Unemployed Union organizers will be singled out and fired or, where they are fearful of this procedure, will be put at isolated spots. (9) A general reduction in pay is planned a little later. The immediate opening wedges being: (a) The forcing of single men into WPA concentration camps at \$15 to \$25 per month. (b) The re-classification of skilled men as laborers with a consequent reduction in pay. On top of the package is written "A New Deal." "A NEW YEAR," "Be a Good Neighbor," but inside it is empty and the card says, "Profits to the Bosses, Starvation to the Workers. F. D. R."

The following bulletin from WPA headquarters speaks for itself and bespeaks the fact that Col. Connolly knows his camouflage. "Bulletin No. 30... ADVERTISING... Distribution of advertising material or printed matter of any kind to workers on WPA projects is hereby forbidden. Project Engineers and Managers will be responsible for the enforcement of this order."

"By Direction of  
"Lieut. Col. Connolly."

"Captain" Eugene Case, Southern California's would-be peanut Hitler and ex-Silver Shirts, was observed with papers in his pocket which he inferred were government credentials, a pint whiskey bottle three-fourths empty in the other, starting the New Year as a provocateur, attempting to get a drunken Marine Sergeant to attack an unemployed worker that Case was "ratting" out as a Communist.

Case so far, boot lick as he may, has failed to sell himself as a fascist leader to the California bankers who much prefer to work with National Guard, American Legion, vigilante committees, detective agencies, "Red Squads," etc. But the local money bags are not missing any bets, occasionally they toss a few soiled greenbacks toward Gene to keep him on their side... Just in case.

Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough is making a trip to San Francisco, "to inquire why the prevailing wage is being paid on PWA projects in that city."

He could have found out much closer home by asking any member of the Public Works Unemployed Union, who would have answered... "They're organized, Frisco's a union town."

Fellow worker Kitchen while employed at spots one and two on the WPA project in Griffith Park wrote 125 applications for membership in the PWU and was doing such a good job getting the workers together that Supervising Engineer Royce of WPA and Supervising Engineer Huddleson of the Park Dept. got together and had him transferred to the North entrance of the park... Three miles from any other workers.

There he is supposed to see that the horses on the bridge path and the automobiles on the road... don't get together.

Taylor helped build the Biltmore Hotel. Never after its completion was he permitted to enter its portals... Until last week

## RELIEF STRUGGLE BRINGS A THREAT TO DEPORT CITIZEN

Even a Communist Can't Work Two Places At Once, In Spite of WPA Security

By Clyde Champion.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Because I am active in organizing unemployed workers to gain better relief and better conditions on the WPA jobs, and because I am a member of the Communist Party, I am about to be deported—or so I have been told by a visitor claiming to be a federal investigator.

My great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War of 1776, my grandfather fought in the Civil War, and I served in the World War, but it doesn't make a bit of difference—I am to be deported. It's all because the WPA messed up my work order. On a Monday I received a work order dated the previous Thursday, and when I went to the Arroyo Seco project, I was turned down. It usually takes a week or ten days for re-assignment, but I was sent to a United States Engineering Department war project in Alhambra within two days.

While working, I received another work order for the Arroyo Seco project, which I was forced to turn down. I worked five days on the U. S. E. D. project—for which, incidentally, only physically perfect workers are accepted—but my transportation stopped and I couldn't afford 34 cents a day car fare—so I got discharged.

**NO VISITOR, NO CHECK**

Administrator Pilling of SERA agreed not to cut me off relief, but on Dec. 24th my check didn't come, so on Thursday, the 26th, I went to Pomeroy again and he agreed to release my check. On Friday, I went to the D. P. O. to demand my check and was told a visitor had gone to my home.

When I returned home, my wife said the visitor had boomed right in the house without even knocking. The visitor showed up again at 1 p. m., saying he was "Smith," a federal investigator to investigate "such types as you." "You're a Communist and you belong to a Communist organization," said "Smith" to me. "If you're referring to the PWU," I replied, "you're all laywre. But if you mean the Communist Party, yes, it's very much a Communist organization, and I belong to it."

"Why did you turn down those work orders?"

"I didn't turn down the jobs, I just couldn't work two places at the same time. And, by the way, I don't believe you're any special agent but just a common visitor. Furthermore, your Hitler-like attitude isn't getting you anywhere."

"Are you a citizen?" he demanded angrily.

**A CITIZEN**

"Yes, I'm a citizen and my family before me for many generations, back to the Revolutionary War," I replied.

"Oh, yeah, we're going to deport you!"

"Where to?" I asked. "Texas?" "You're just running a bluff," said "Smith," getting more irate.

**NEW PARTY MUST COMBAT FASCISM URGES F. GORMAN**

**FARMER-LABOR PARTY TO OPEN NATIONAL OFFICE**

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(EP)—Forces working for a Farmer-Labor Party will open a national information office in the near future, Vice President Francis J. Gorman of the United Textile Workers of America told a New Haven audience recently.

Declaring that the federal and state governments are in the hands of "the most powerful representatives of corporate interests," Gorman called for a new party to combat reaction and Fascism.

Under the New Deal, Gorman said, wage and salary workers have suffered losses of 5 per cent to 18 per cent in real wages, while corporation profits have mounted more than 64 per cent during the same period. In the first ten months of 1935, thirteen Democratic and two Republican governors called out armed forces against strikers, he said.

when he was one of a committee of ten who backed up by 300 other workers mass-pressured their way into the Biltmore and laid down an ultimatum to the State Relief Commission.

every second. "I want you to understand that you're dealing with the Federal government!"

"You're just trying to run Fascism in on us," I told him. "You're just a tool of the government."

"I'm not a tool of the government!" he yelled. "It's your government, too!"

"Oh, no, it's not my government—it's yours."

"What will happen to your children, growing up in this environment," he demanded, pointing to my four girls.

**TRAINED FOR SOVIET**

"These children are being trained for the future society," I replied. "This future society will be a decent one, made for and by the workers. These girls will have an advantage over the average child."

"You're the only bad case we have," he said. "I've got to go to look after some other important cases."

"Smith" said he would see that I got right back on relief and got a grocery order and a "work order you can't turn down."

"This is your last chance!" he said.

"You're not giving me anything," I told him. "I'm able to get more through the PWU than you can ever offer!"

"There's no use arguing with such a fool as you," he shrieked, as he stormed out of the house.

So, you see, they're going to deport me. Drop in and see me at my "deportation" hearing!

## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Kay Peters.

The courts have again refused to grant the slightest concession to justice in the Sacramento C.S. case. A writ of habeas corpus demanding that the five self-defendants now in prison be released on bail was denied Leo Gallagher, attorney for the I.L.D., by the Appellate Court. This now leaves the prisoners in the awkward position of trying to prepare their appeal without the use of a transcript of the trial proceedings. In an obvious illegal move to hamper the defense, the courts have granted but one transcript to the entire defense. The next move by Attorney Gallagher to free the prisoners on bail will be to carry the writ of habeas corpus to the State Supreme Court.

Those who are following the legal developments of the C. S. case will be interested to know that an attempt by Gallagher to appeal a contempt of court charge incurred during the trial was denied by the same appellate court. Appeals on contempt charges are usually granted and are rarely, if ever, denied. Gallagher was fined fifty dollars or twenty-five days in jail by Judge Lemmon for merely trying to tell the court that Lee Hung, the lone Chinese defendant in the trial, couldn't understand English very well. Lee Hung was subsequently acquitted.

Annette Morrow, the University of California student who was sentenced to twenty-five days in jail for selling Western Workers, is now serving her sentence in the Alameda County jail at Oakland. She surrendered herself Jan. 2nd after the appeal was denied. Friends and sympathizers should see that she has visitors and is supplied with prison comforts.—East Bay take particular notice.

A wide Gallup Defense Conference is being held at Albuquerque, N. M., Sunday, Jan. 19th. Though this conference is too distant for attendance for most, it is important to send messages of greetings and financial support.

## New Deal Boosts Bank Profits to Record Figures

**BANK OF AMERICA REPORTS RECORD PROFITS IN PAST YEAR**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—The "New Deal" has meant the best deal in profits in its history for the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, largest bank in the United States outside of New York City.

A. P. Giannini, chairman of the board of directors, announced today that the bank has experienced its best year in history, gaining an increase in deposits of \$177,000,000 and an increase in resources of \$135,000,000.

Greater comparative gains in deposits, resources and earnings were also recorded than in any previous year, Giannini said.

Not only is this bank the largest west of New York City, but is outranked in New York City only by the Chase National Bank, National City Bank, and Guaranty Trust Company—these are controlled by the Morgan and Rockefeller "big shots" of finance.

## Girl in Pie Factory Takes Poison While Working Christmas

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Dolores Mendez, 23, died here today from the effects of poison which she swallowed while working on Christmas Day in a pie factory at 1720 South Hooper avenue. Unorganized to protect themselves, workers in this industry are terribly underpaid.

## Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

SYCOSIS

San Francisco, Calif.

Sir: I contracted Sycois in 1903. It would be impossible for me to go over the various remedies, from the simple to the complex, which I have tried since then.

I had X-ray treatment in San Francisco under the direction of one of the city's leading skin doctors. This had no effect whatsoever on the hairs of the face—they are very deep-set. Do you think it is ever possible to don the gloves again and fight the Sycois?

J. E.

ANSWER—As pointed out in a previous column, Sycois is a disease of the beard in which there is formation of pustules. The treatment for an ordinary case was outlined at that time.

This is a case much out of the ordinary which a number of specialists have unsuccessfully treated. We will wager a set of Lenin's works against a "Red Network" by Mrs. Dilling that the skin specialist who conducted the X-ray treatment did so in a free clinic and not in his private office.

The object of the X-ray treatment is to make the hairs fall out. There is no reason why the treatment cannot be given in large enough dosages to make even deep-set hairs fall out. If you cannot afford to pay for more X-ray treatments, the County should be forced to do so. Then you must keep after them in an organized manner until results are obtained. It may be necessary to give such large doses that the hairs will not regrow, but that is better than having such a skin disease.

You have not mentioned having been vaccinated against the germ causing the disease. This is often successful, especially if a vaccine is specially made from the pus in your pustules. Do not be satisfied with the "store-bought" vaccine, but insist on your own. "Autogenous" vaccine even though more expensive.

These treatments should be used together with the use of disinfectant applications.

SCURVY

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back that scurvy had broken out among some Mexicans in the transient camps. A friend of mine, another motion-picture star, said that this couldn't be so because scurvy had been wiped out long ago. She knows this because none of her friends ever had scurvy. What is the truth about this?

A Star.

ANSWER—We are sure that it would be very hard to find scurvy in Beverly Hills or any other place where the inhabitants can eat as much fresh fruit and vegetables as they want, even though they may believe that carrots and turnips grow on trees.

The most likely place to find scurvy in California is among the poorest-paid toilers, the workers in the agricultural fields. When the city population stubbornly refuses to eat fruits and vegetables as it has in the past six years, the growers soon find that they have a large surplus of these commodities on hand. Because of this they allow the crops to rot in the fields, and so the agriculture workers become unemployed. Not being able to buy the fruit and vegetables, the agriculture workers must live on rice and potatoes. They and their children then get the scurvy. This economic process is called "The Overproduction of Undernourishment."

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### The President's Speech To Congress

The press has raved and snorted for several days following Roosevelt's broadcast of last Friday night. They have endeavored to create an impression that it was an earth-shaking challenge—a remarkable revelation. It was nothing of the sort.

It was a shrewd piece of political strategy. Consisting entirely of generalities, the address contained scarcely a point that the president could be pinned down to.

His burden of vagueness was supported by two crutches:

(1) Sentimentalization of "neutrality."  
(2) An alleged determination to champion the interests of the poor man against the rich.

The latter point was the main crutch in Roosevelt's original election campaign. The question is, has he done it?

Plainly, he has not. The net results of administration policies have been vast increases in dividends and profits; greater concentration of wealth and business in the hands of monopolies, and no benefit whatsoever to the working class. What slight rises were noted in payrolls were more than offset by rising prices. The unemployed remain the same vast, persecuted, unwanted army they have always been.

As for "neutrality," it need only be pointed out that war preparations under the administration's policies have increased to an extent which breaks all peace time records.

One of the strongest talking points Roosevelt has is the fact that certain of the big financial groups are bitterly opposed to him.

It is true that there is discord in the camp of capitalism and rival factions are struggling for power. But of the two factions most prominent in American Big Business—the faction opposing Roosevelt and the faction supporting him—the Roosevelt faction is far the shrewdest.

Roosevelt bases his strategies on a sharp study of real public sentiment. The faction opposing him (characterized by Hearst) is hopelessly carried away by their own propaganda. They invent a synthetic "public opinion," forget that it is nothing more than their own noise, and go so far as to base their strategies on it.

One of the most significant things about Roosevelt's speech is that in order to court the favor of present public sentiment he was obliged to lean far to the left. He was obliged to don the cloak of "radicalism"—to rave and rant against "financial interests" and "autocratic influences."

A "square deal to labor" is certainly an issue that the Communist Party supports to the fullest extent. But when mouthed by Roosevelt, it is more likely to mean exactly the opposite. Every lash from the whip of capital that has ever striped the back of labor has been applied with the philanthropic slogan of "assisting the poor." And the working class history of America has seen labor's real representatives frequently sent to the penitentiary on framed charges, but never selected as candidates and put in office by the capitalist electoral machine.

After raving in approved "soap box" vehemence against the evils of capital, Roosevelt turned round in his tracks and assured "no more taxation" and "reduced relief appropriations."

When the working masses want a radical president, the capitalists will never fail to hand them one on the end of a stick—that is to say, a candidate who looks and talks radical but can be depended on to boost profits and dividends at the expense of labor as Roosevelt has so ably done.

But labor will not get true representation until it creates its own election machinery—a united front Farmer-Labor Party, runs its own candidates and puts them in office.

### ISU Convention Must Ratify Maritime Unity

Roosevelt's speech to the 74th Congress had hardly died away before "Big Business" with tongue in cheek made a thorough survey of the maritime situation on the West Coast and the Gulf and then carefully looked over its war-cargo manifests.

Roosevelt's mild "threat" and sanctions and "neutrality" can be discarded in the face of the huge subsidies for war ships and a fleet of merchant ships, which his administration has

placed at the disposal of congressional committees of appropriations.

Woodrow Wilson "fought" to keep America out of war, yet thousands of workers who took him at his word and who honestly protested war were beaten and thrown in prisons.

The threat to war profiteering interests lies where the maritime workers are the most solidly organized. Where the maritime workers have already shown their disapproval of war, by more than mere resolutions passing.

The threat to the pocketbooks of the manufacturers and distributors of "patriotism" lies where the rank and file have true expression. That is the reason the sights of their legal and illegal guns are trained on the West Coast Maritime Federation and its budding offspring, the Gulf Maritime Federation, which is in the process of formation at a convention now under way in Houston.

Employers fear and want to smash these units of working class power and find many willing Scharrenbergs to do their dirty work.

With the aid of the "friends of labor," the owners intend to crush the Maritime Federation and isolate the marine unions.

The assistant secretary of labor, always at the beck and call of those who put him in office, has called a meeting of "trusted" longshore and seamen "leaders" for the express purpose of formulating a means to prevent the formation of the Gulf Federation and to destroy the West Coast Federation.

The International Seamen's Union Convention, which opens on January 14th at Washington, D.C., will find these "trusted" officials trying to carry out the plans of the shipowners.

Already Paul Scharrenberg—Paul can always be found willing to talk especially if one mentions the Sailors' Union of the Pacific—is demanding the "revocation of West Coast charters and the reorganization by the convention."

West Coast, Gulf and Atlantic seamen and longshoremen should know this is not merely more idle frothings from the mouth of a notorious red-baiting shipowner's tool.

Not for nothing has the ISU Executive Board opened a secret "headquarters branch" somewhere in San Francisco.

And the two "organizers," which the Board has appointed for the West Coast, can be more truthfully described as "finger-men"—to single out militant rank and files.

The shipowners have bluntly admitted that they are prepared to carry out coastwise activities to smash the Maritime Federation.

Every branch of the International Seamen's Union must send protests of any attempts to split the ranks, to the convention.

Every district must pledge its unity.

All locals of the L.L.A. must also send resolutions of protest at any efforts to split the seamen at the convention.

Denounce any attempts at charter lifting. Protest to W. Green, Secretary Perkins, Andrew Furuseth and to the convention floor.

The Maritime Federation was built on the unity of all crafts. This unity must be maintained.

### Get Busy on the Western Worker Drive—Now

Do you people in the streets, on the farms, in the shops and factories and along the waterfront realize the immense power and organizational value of a workers' newspaper?

We think you do. We know you miss the Western Worker when, for some reason or other, your copy doesn't arrive. We have your complaints to show that you do.

Perhaps some of you do not realize that we are in the midst of a campaign to collect \$7500 as a sustaining fund for the Western Worker during 1936. Perhaps you do not realize that upon the collection of this fund depends the future of the paper.

It's an open and shut proposition. No money—no Western Worker.

Funds are not being turned in. Actually, there were no collections to report this week. What is happening?

The situation is critical. The Western Worker MUST have this sustaining fund. Now, more than ever before, must there be a workers' newspaper in the field on the West Coast.

Collection lists are in your hands. All sections, sub-sections, units, mass organizations and individuals must get on the job at once. There is not a second to lose. Arrange your affairs and parties.

The future of the Western Worker is in your hands. GET BUSY!

"We are free today substantially, but the day will come when our republic will be an impossibility. It will be an impossibility because wealth will be concentrated in the hands of a few."—JAMES MADISON.

It is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period—to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

## Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL  
DEPARTMENT

UNIT J-8, HOLLYWOOD SUB-SECTION

Something on the order of a New Year's present to the Party is the giving this week by Unit J-8 in Hollywood of twelve new members to the Party, recruited during the holidays. Ten of these were recruited at an open unit meeting on December 19; the other two having been enrolled during the preceding week. Most of twelve are of rather advanced political status. At least eight of them have been very close to the Party for some time, and under a little "pressure" at the open unit meeting took the long postponed step. Of the remaining four, two are restaurant workers who have been working for the formation of a union, and two are unemployed workers who have been through PWU struggles.

This recruiting feat is added credit to a unit that has, during the past three weeks, issued no less than twelve leaflets; on a Communist Forum, a PWU organizational mass meeting, a shop leaflet, and on activities at the Hollywood Workers' Center. The unit in the same time also distributed over three thousand E. S. U. "Anti-Hearst Examiners," covering every house in exactly 128 square blocks. The unit had eleven members. To celebrate its work, and as a challenge, J-8 plans a "Stakhanovite Party" for January 11 at the Hollywood Workers' Center. All proceeds will go to the Western Worker.

NOTE:—So far, the above unit is a model unit in our district, as far as initiative and recruiting are concerned. According to the results in the last few weeks achieved by the unit, it is clear to us that this unit has, first of all, a functioning Bureau, and is using the directives from the District Org. Dept. to the fullest extent. This proves that if other units had functioning bureaus, they could also have similar successes. How quickly our Party could double its membership in this district if the 250 units would plan their work as concretely as this unit, and be as successful as this unit in carrying out the proper agitation and organizational work for building the Party. In view of the present membership drive for 500 new members in our district by March 1, it is more than necessary that all unit bureaus begin to function, and start planning their work on a similar basis. If this is done, we are sure that we will go over the top and recruit 500 members so that we shall have a dues paying membership of 3200 members in our District by March 1.

District Org. Dept.

### UNEMPLOYED TO GET MORE FOR GAS AND LIGHT

INCREASE GRANTED FOR  
WINTER ONLY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Unemployed workers on the rolls of the County Charities Department won a 42.5 per cent increase in gas and light budgets here today, on order of Superintendent of Charities Rex Thomson. The increase will last through the winter and be reduced again in the spring and summer.

Thomson said he ordered the allowances in an effort to reduce the number of colds and other ailments suffered by unemployed workers during the winter.

The gas and light budgets average from \$2 to \$5 a month.

### NEW WPA JOBS FOR 3755 TO START IN L.A.

NEW PROJECTS TO BRING  
WPA TOTAL TO 60,000

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—WPA projects to employ 3755 "white collar" workers will start within two weeks here, it was announced today. Construction projects for 1884 men will also open at the same time.

Largest of the "white collar" projects will be those of the county delinquency program, board of education, clerical workers, Long Beach juvenile delinquency program, and the Los Angeles Health Department.

The twelve new construction projects will boost the WPA load to approximately 60,000, officials said.

Not a single square mile of Ethiopia to the fascist Mussolini!

### Americanism Defiled



## The Big Five Naval Powers Maneuvering for Advantage at the London Parley

By Scott Nearing.  
(Federated Press)

The ruling classes of five empires have sent their representatives to London to discuss the kind of ships and the size of the guns that they will use in slugging the "enemy" masses during the coming war.

Since the collapse of the Disarmament Conference the imperial spokesmen do not refer to the London meeting as a conference to "limit" navies but to "adjust" navies. France and Italy are busy with navy building; the British imperialists have announced their intention of enlarging their navy to a greater-than-any basis; Japan is particularly aggressive in her demand for more fighting ships.

The empires that have sent representatives to London: the U. S. A., Britain, France, Italy, and Japan, are the Big Five navy powers. With the exception of Germany, deprived of a navy under the Treaty of 1919, and of the Soviet Union, without foreign ambitions or a large navy, no other nations or empires have the facilities to build and equip fighting ships, and no others can afford the heavy outlay required to build and maintain a navy.

#### OTHER NATIONS WEAK

Other nations have a few fighting ships, bought for the most part at second hand from the Big Five. But they are not in a class with the 223 fighting ships of Italy; the 247 of France; the 247 of Japan; the 352 of Great Britain and the 426 fighting ships of the United States. The "small" nations count fighting ships in ones and twos. The Big Five count theirs in hundreds.

The nations and empires of the world are divided into two classes: 1. Five that can afford big navies, and 2. Fifty that cannot afford them. For all practical purposes, imperial expansion is virtually limited to the Big Five. Other ruling classes may desire to play the imperial game but they lack the ships and the money.

The ruling classes of the five great robber empires have sent

their spokesmen to London to discuss the capital tools of imperial robbery. Why do they bother to discuss? Why not fight?

#### PLAYING FOR POSITION

Diplomatic discussion is one method of maneuvering for position. The empires circle each other, during international conferences, as wrestlers circle each other, looking for a chance to grapple. After each conference the lineup is clearer; each ruling class is better able to distinguish "friend" from "enemy."

The empires do not fight, first because there is danger of defeat, and second because of the danger of revolution. Each ruling class seeks to protect itself against these two possibilities.

Every year since 1919, the Big Five have held one or more conferences. Each conference was a success in strengthening friendships and sharpening enmities. After a certain number of such conferences, the air is cleared; the alignment is determined; the em-

pires take their sides; the fighting ships clear the decks for action; and once more the world is at war.

#### PREPARING WAR

There is no more chance that peace will come from the London Conference than there is that sobriety will come out of a saloon.

The Big Five are preparing for war. They are not yet sure which is friend and which is enemy. The London meeting is helping them to decide this all-important question. Admirals and diplomats are circling one another, looking for a hold. When they see their chance to grapple, they will beat the war drums, and human beings will again be brought by millions within the range of the big guns.

The Big Five are better equipped for war than any of the other nations or empires. Their navies are a symbol of this preparedness. The London conference is one of the necessary preliminaries to the next world war.

## FASCIST METHODS USED IN SANTA BARBARA BY RELIEF OFFICIALS

### Proper Sanitation Neglected in Attempt To "Economize"

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 4.—In Santa Barbara, one of the wealthiest cities in California, women on relief are working under what amounts to fascist tactics, with relief officials effecting economy by allowing inadequate sanitation facilities in the building where the women work.

The women have been put to work at the Salvation Army sewing shirts, nightgowns, etc., and are told to observe a set of twelve rules terminating with the following statement, "Employees who fail to comply with these rules will be subject to immediate censure and result may involve dismissal."

Some of the following rules are

outstanding examples of the methods employed in Santa Barbara.

"Faithful loyalty to persons in charge is expected."

"Newspaper publicity or statements must not be given out by any employee."

"Conversation other than normal business is absolutely prohibited."

"Intelligent, industrious and economical use of time, materials, supplies and utilities is demanded."

An excellent example of the attempt to economize on the part of the relief organization, is the inadequacy of sanitation facilities in the building where the 67 women are employed.

### If You Don't Speak Now, These Guns Will ★ ★



The danger of a new World War no longer needs explanation. It is clearly recognized by nearly every man and woman today. The "peace" mouthings of high executives of all capitalist governments become more hysterical daily and less convincing. Armament appropriations today in the United States are the greatest of any period outside actual war. These are invariably declared as defense precautions. But experts agree that there is not one chance in a hundred of the United States ever being invaded.

There is only one power that can prevent war; that is a united front of all anti-war forces. Without this united front, the power of the masses is divided and impotent.

## OPEN FORUM

RELIEF SWINDLE

Editor, Western Worker.

Dear Sir:

The following mimeographed notice was recently sent to me:

"A change in regulation eliminates clothing allowances from all budgets. Deduction is made for commodities issued to you at 1563 Mission street. This explains our reduced check."

State Relief Administration of San Francisco County.

John H. Small, Director.

The recipient of this note has never received any groceries from 1563 Mission, yet 25 cents was deducted from my budget, leaving \$1.68. I went to 450 Mission to protest the cut and was directed to the Pay Master's office. I explained the same to the pay master and was directed to go and see my visitor at the Tenth street office. I insisted that this was the right office as Mr. H. Small's name appeared on the said notice. The pay master said Mr. Small had nothing to do with the notice, but that my visitor was the responsible party.

I went to Tenth street and registered with the desk clerk and was finally sent in to see the visitor. I explained the error, but the visitor refused to hear any more regarding the matter and told me to come back on Wednesday of the following week.

So, as the matter now stands, they plan to make another 25c cut.

An unemployed worker.

#### WAR STOREHOUSE

Richmond, Calif.

Jan. 1, 1936.

Western Worker.

Story.

Do you know that over three-fourths of the world's lead (refined) is stored in the smelter plant at Selby in Contra Costa County. Every day shipments of this war material is being sent out from here to Japan and different countries for war purposes thru Frisco.

The workers are all aware of this fact and are already talking about what to do in case of a war developing in Europe. Last comes our jobs, but first we must stop war.

A Selby Smelter Worker.

#### HOW TO BUILD YOUR PAPER

Richmond, Calif.

Dec. 28, 1935.

Western Worker.

Story.

Upon receiving the Western Worker issue containing the article about the Communist position to the Townsend Plan and reading it myself, I went to a neighbor of mine who is a member of the local Townsend Club here and left the paper on his porch at night on my way to work. The next day this man came over to my place and told me about some one leaving the paper at his house and said that it was the best paper that he had ever read in his life. So we are going to send a letter to him and a sub-blank to see if he won't subscribe.

This only goes to show that if we can get our papers to the people that they will read them and pass them on to their neighbors.

A Shop Worker.

## WEALTHY LEFT UNTOUCHED BY FEDERAL TAXES

419,481 PERSONS' INCOME  
MORE THAN \$5000

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—A New Deal in taxation is advocated by the People's Lobby, in a statement which declares that "the real test of whether a tax is heavy, is how much the taxpayer has left after the tax."

"In 1934 the 419,481 persons reporting incomes over \$5000 had an aggregate net income of nearly five billion dollars," says the Lobby. "They paid in federal income taxes and surtaxes only about \$474,000,000 and had left an average of \$10,720."

"The total income of this one and one-third per cent of the families in America, was nearly three-quarters of the gross income of some 6½ million farm families, and nearly five-sixths of the total income of around seven million industrial workers."

After paying all taxes on 1934 income, the 32 people with incomes over \$1,000,000 had left an average of \$782,500, the Lobby points out.

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